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1 Q Now let me ask you: You mentioned that the  
2 tracings that were attached to this report were  
3 odd to you. Is that your testimony or --

4 A Well, I am not sure I used the word "odd." It's  
5 that they -- I had difficulty with them because  
6 I did not see any -- and once again, this may  
7 simply represent the copying technique, but I  
8 don't see any time indicators on here at all as  
9 to what the amount of time is that has elapsed  
10 on the chart from one spot to another, and it  
11 may simply be my copy. The second thing I  
12 thought was a little odd was that the -- there  
13 were only two patient efforts instead of three,  
14 and the third thing being that the tests appear  
15 to start from different base lines. Now,  
16 possibly the way their lab measures it that may  
17 be fine. It's just usually you like to see a .0  
18 for every test and I am not sure that I can  
19 identify that.

20 Q He looks like he starts up there right around  
21 five liters for one of the tests and goes down  
22 instead of up. Right?

23 A Well, that may be the machine that they use, and  
24 that may be the proper way that their machine  
25 works. I am not sure. It may start at five and

1           then come down, but once again, then the next  
2           time they run the test it looks like they  
3           started at 3,800 and then comes down, so I have  
4           two separate curves on my sheet. 2

5       Q     You only have the one sheet.

6       A     I only have one sheet. There may be other  
7           sheets or something.

8       Q     Okay. Now --

9       A     Excuse me. Are there more than one sheet that I  
10          should have?

11      Q     Well, of course, you got yours from, I guess,  
12          Mr. Watkins and you may have what I have got. I  
13          am looking at two sheets here. Let me just show  
14          you what those are and it may be the same sheet.  
15          Somebody may have copied mine twice.

16      A     I believe that you and I have -- I don't know  
17          what we have.

18                   MR. WATKINS: That's not the same,  
19                   though. Those two you are holding down  
20                   there are not the same.

21      A     The only thing I can assume is that you have a  
22          test that starts at 3,200 and looks like it  
23          might be continued on a second page. I have a  
24          test that starts at 3,800 and then I have one  
25          that starts at five liters and goes completely

1 off my page. In other words, where you have the  
2 complete test here --

3 Q So whoever did the copying of the charts in your  
4 opinion didn't copy all of them for either one  
5 of us. Is that what you are saying?

6 A Correct. And that was the basis for my  
7 statement that these tests, as I received them,  
8 were not adequate for my purposes of  
9 interpretation and therefore I deleted them,  
10 because I can't say that any of these values  
11 are accurate, and based on the information  
12 either one of us have, I am not sure that we can  
13 do much more than go through and exercise --

14 MR. WATKINS: Is that MacDougall's?

15 MR. McELVEEN: That's MacDougall's,  
16 yes.

17 (Break.)

18 Q All right. Now, Doctor, if we may continue, I  
19 want to move on, if I may, to the Audie Murphy  
20 test, but I want to mention to you that we will  
21 go back and look at the x-rays, if you don't  
22 mind, after a little while.

23 A Certainly.

24 Q All right. Now, could you turn to the Audie  
25 Murphy records which you have?

1 A Okay.

2 Q And does your first page of Audie Murphy records  
3 just reflect the VA medical certificate Page  
4 No. 41 New, as it were? If you could get to  
5 that, I think that's where I am going to be  
6 starting.

7 A I have a medical certificate Page 41 New, yes,  
8 sir.

9 Q Okay. Now, preliminarily, Doctor, let me ask  
10 you this: When a patient comes into your office  
11 and you ask him certain information with regard  
12 to his history of his present illness or his  
13 family history or his complaints and so forth,  
14 is the only source of information you generally  
15 have what that patient tells you?

16 A Normally, although sometimes a family member is  
17 present or he will bring medical records with  
18 him, but certainly we usually have the patient's  
19 history coming from him.

20 Q Okay. Over the course of your practice other  
21 than faulty recollection, has it been your  
22 experience that patients generally tell you the  
23 truth?

24 A I believe they do, yes, sir.

25 Q Okay. Now, looking at this medical certificate

1           here, we are talking about a period of time in  
2           1985 of April the 4th, I believe. Is that it?  
3           It may not be reflected on that first page.  
4           Mine is so poor here on the left-hand corner I  
5           can't read it, but I think that if you will look  
6           through the records that, in fact, what you will  
7           see is that this first workup was on 4-4 and he  
8           came back on 4-22 for some pulmonary function  
9           tests. Can we -- I don't know that we need to  
10          stipulate that, but I believe that I am going to  
11          ask you to assume that because I believe it's  
12          pretty apt to be true.

13        A     Okay.

14        Q     Now, if it was April of '85, that would be about  
15               ten months after he went to see Dr. MacDougall.  
16               Right?

17        A     Correct.

18        Q     He went to see Dr. MacDougall in July of '84,  
19               July 20th. He goes to see the VA in April of  
20               '85, so about nine and a half months, if it's  
21               April the 4th. And at that time the difference  
22               between these records and MacDougall's records  
23               is he appears to have aged two years. Do you  
24               see that comparing the two records? He was  
25               fifty when he went to see Dr. MacDougall and he



1 is fifty-two when he is at Audie Murphy. Do you  
2 see that?

3 A I see that, yes, sir.

4 Q Now, do you know what the actual birth date of  
5 this patient is?

6 A August 10, 1933.

7 Q Okay. So August 10th of '33 he would, in fact,  
8 have been fifty in July of '84, then. Right?

9 A Okay.

10 Q We agree with that. Right? We agree with each  
11 other.

12 A Let's see in July --

13 Q I am not trying to mess you up. I'm really not.

14 MR. WATKINS: He would be almost  
15 fifty-one apparently.

16 Q So he would be fifty but he certainly wouldn't  
17 be fifty-two.

18 A He would be almost fifty-one.

19 Q He would have turned fifty-one in --

20 MR. WATKINS: August.

21 Q So he would have, in fact, been fifty-one when  
22 he went to see him in April of '85. So the  
23 difference in age as you have indicated a little  
24 earlier is going to make a difference in the  
25 predicted normal values.

1       A     That's correct.

2       Q     All right. Now, the record that he gives them  
3             when he goes into the VA is DOE. Now, is that --

4       A     Also if I could just respond to your last  
5             question about the predicted normals, if the VA  
6             shows him to be fifty-two years old when, in  
7             fact, he is fifty-one years old, it means that  
8             his condition is worse than had the VA measured --  
9             You and I would agree on that.

10      Q     Well, what are you saying? I mean what do you  
11             mean by that? Do you mean that the predicted  
12             normal goes down with age?

13      A     Right. In other words, if they erroneously said  
14             he was fifty-two, they would have used a set of  
15             predicted. If, in fact, he was only fifty-one,  
16             as we would both agree, his predicted should  
17             have been higher than the VA reflected, meaning  
18             that they underestimated the severity of his  
19             illness percentagewise.

20      Q     Okay. All right. Now, when he went to see him,  
21             and again referring to that medical certificate  
22             page, it says DOE, SOB. Now, although  
23             Mr. Watkins has indicated that that SOB term can  
24             have several meanings, can we agree that on this  
25             one those six letters mean dyspnea on exertion,

- 1           shortness of breath times one year.
- 2       A     That's correct.
- 3       Q     Then it says "was seen PMD," and what does PMD
- 4           mean in medical jargon?
- 5       A     I would assume this means private medical
- 6           doctor.
- 7       Q     Or perhaps personal medical doctor.
- 8       A     Something like that.
- 9       Q     The record that he gave Dr. MacDougall, if you
- 10           will just glance back at that on July 24th or,
- 11           I'm sorry, July 20, 1984, also indicates that he
- 12           gave him a history of shortness of breath on
- 13           exertion for the past year. Now, is shortness
- 14           of breath on exertion the same as dyspnea on
- 15           exertion?
- 16      A     I believe so, yes, sir.
- 17      Q     Okay. Dyspnea just means shortness of breath.
- 18           Right?
- 19      A     I would say.
- 20      Q     Okay. Now, this report indicates that on 3-29
- 21           the patient started Theophylline 300 milligrams
- 22           BID. Comparing that with Dr. MacDougall's
- 23           record, that would be consistent with when
- 24           Dr. MacDougall put him on the Slow-bid 3-29 of
- 25           '85. Right? Go back and look at it if you are

- 1 not sure.
- 2 A I will accept that.
- 3 Q Okay. So they reported that he had gone on
- 4 Theophylline on 3-29 and at that time they noted
- 5 "Fifty-two-year-old white male stopped smoking
- 6 7-84 when started having SOB:DOE." Now, you
- 7 yourself, I believe, took a record that he had
- 8 stopped smoking on July 20, 1984.
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q Now "On Brethine and Theophylline with gradual"
- 11 and does that mean "increase in SOB/DOE"?
- 12 A Right.
- 13 Q "Over recent months," and then can you read that
- 14 next entry there? What does that mean?
- 15 A I'm sorry. My copy was such I couldn't make out
- 16 what it is.
- 17 Q Okay. "To pillow orthopnea" is the next entry.
- 18 What is orthopnea?
- 19 A That means shortness of breath when lying down.
- 20 Q Okay. And then it says "Occasional PND." What
- 21 does that mean?
- 22 A Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea probably.
- 23 Q What is that?
- 24 A That means waking up at night short of breath.
- 25 Q Is that you wake up and you are gasping for

1 breath?

2 A It's not fully described. It means you wake up  
3 short of breath.

4 Q Okay. "Paroxysmal" there, does that have any  
5 particular significance? Does that mean the way  
6 you are breathing or what does that --

7 A No, it's PND, just means waking up at night  
8 short of breath, as I understand it.

9 Q Is orthopnea and paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea  
10 consistent with cardiovascular disease?

11 A You can see it either with congestive heart  
12 failure or you can see it with -- Some patients  
13 with pulmonary disease have shortness of breath  
14 when they lie down, especially with emphysema.

15 Q Okay. Now, the next point that was made was  
16 "The PE" -- meaning physical exam, I guess --  
17 "JVD equals 9." Is that nine centimeters?

18 A It appears to be.

19 Q Okay. What does that mean, JVD? What is JVD?

20 A I think it may be JVP. I am not sure. I don't  
21 know what -- you know, I am not certain on the  
22 copy.

23 Q Okay.

24 A I am not sure what JVD is. JVP means jugular  
25 venous pulse, and JVD, I am not sure. I am not

- 1 familiar with JVD.
- 2 Q Okay. If it is JVP, jugular venous pulse, what
- 3 would the nine centimeters mean? Would that be
- 4 a consistent reading with that?
- 5 A It would suggest that there is elevation of the
- 6 jugular vein which goes along with the
- 7 right-sided heart failure as you would see with
- 8 cor pulmonale which would be heart failure due
- 9 to lung disease.
- 10 Q The jugular vein goes to the head, doesn't it?
- 11 A That's correct.
- 12 Q Or does it come from the head?
- 13 A Well, it comes from the head down to the heart.
- 14 Q Okay. And the blood --
- 15 A Just to be accurate, it connects through the
- 16 vena cava and the subclavian to the heart.
- 17 Q All right. Okay. Once blood is oxygenated in
- 18 the lungs, it returns to the heart, does it not?
- 19 A That's correct.
- 20 Q And it returns to the left atrium of the heart.
- 21 Right?
- 22 A That's correct.
- 23 Q It is then pumped into the left ventricle.
- 24 Right?
- 25 A Correct.

1 Q And is pumped out of the heart into the aorta.  
2 Right?

3 A That's correct.

4 Q Do the jugular arteries which go to the head  
5 with oxygenated blood come off the aorta?

6 A No. I believe that you are confused.

7 Q Okay. Explain why I am confused.

8 A There are no jugular arteries. There are only  
9 jugular veins. The jugular veins come down and  
10 empty into the right side of the heart. The  
11 carotid arteries come off the aorta and go up to  
12 the head.

13 Q Carotid arteries come off the aorta. They go  
14 into the brain. Does the blood flow that goes  
15 into the brain from the carotid arteries come  
16 back down through the jugular veins?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Now, if the blood flow is from the aorta to the  
19 carotid arteries to the brain back to the  
20 jugular veins, why would increased jugular  
21 venous pressure have anything to do with the  
22 right side of the heart?

23 A Okay. I could easily demonstrate it to the jury  
24 on a blackboard, but in the absence of that,  
25 assume that you have a sink that is stopped up.

1           And you are pouring blood into the sink and it  
2           can't go out the drain, so it overflows and goes  
3           back up coming up over the top. Okay. Now,  
4           assume with me that the right ventricle of the  
5           heart and the right atrium are our sink and that  
6           those -- that right ventricle has to pump blood  
7           forward into the lung. And if the lung is so  
8           diseased hypothetically, as in the case of bad  
9           emphysema, that the heart can no longer pump  
10          blood forward into the lung, and assume that  
11          blood is pouring down from the head into our  
12          sink and it can't drain out into the lung, it  
13          backs up. And that's why --

14        Q     Where does it back up to?

15        A     It backs up into the jugular vein.

16        Q     No, no. Where is it going to back up to before  
17               it gets to the jugular vein?

18        A     Well, the right atrium.

19        Q     Then where?

20        A     The superior vena cava.

21        Q     Okay.

22        A     Then the jugular vein.

23        Q     Now, the jugular vein goes north -- up. Right?  
24               So gravity is going to mainly force that blood  
25               down, isn't it?



- 1       A     Under normal circumstances, but if your sink is  
2           stopped up and you keep pouring blood in, it  
3           goes up, so that's why this notation is very  
4           important in this case and the jugular vein  
5           elevation is a cardinal sign of right-sided  
6           heart failure, which you would see in  
7           cor pulmonale.
- 8       Q     Okay. - Well, let me back up and ask this  
9           question first: Could jugular venous distension  
10          be secondary to left-sided heart failure?
- 11      A     No, and the reason is very simple. What veins --  
12          Let's talk about the veins in the heart. What  
13          veins empty into the left side of the heart?  
14          The pulmonary veins. And when the left heart  
15          fails, the pulmonary veins become engorged.  
16          Fluid empties into the lung and then you get  
17          short of breath from heart failure. What veins  
18          empty into the right side of the heart? The  
19          vena cava and the jugular vein, and when the  
20          right side of the heart fails, what happens?  
21          Blood backs up into the vena cava, and I hate to  
22          ask an opposing attorney to trust me, but trust  
23          me. That is what happens.
- 24      Q     The jugular veins come back into the vena cava.  
25          That's what you said. Right?

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- 1 A That's right.
- 2 Q And the vena cava enters the heart where?
- 3 A It enters the heart at the right atrium.
- 4 Q The right atrium is where blood comes from to go
- 5 to the right ventricle which goes where? To the
- 6 lungs. Right?
- 7 A That's right.
- 8 Q All right. All right. Never mind. Never mind.
- 9 You and I are going to dispute that for a while,
- 10 but let's go on to something else.
- 11 A Counselor, it's not a matter of dispute.
- 12 Q All right. COR, the next entry down there S4,
- 13 S1, S2 with S3.
- 14 A I believe that's without S3.
- 15 Q I'm sorry. You are right. Without S3, and then
- 16 there is another entry there. Can you read that
- 17 last entry there?
- 18 A I believe that's without a murmur.
- 19 Q Okay. Now, the S4, is that a sound that you
- 20 hear on everybody's heartbeat?
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q Is it, in fact, known as gallop, isn't it?
- 23 A An atrial gallop. Right.
- 24 Q In your view, is that consistent with congestive
- 25 heart failure?

- 1       A     It's an atrial gallop. It is not a ventricular  
2           gallop and it's consistent, I believe, with this  
3           right-sided heart failure that we are talking  
4           about due to the lungs -- due to cor pulmonale.
- 5       Q     You think this man has cor pulmonale.
- 6       A     I believe on this occasion with the jugular  
7           venous elevation that he has an element of acute  
8           right-sided heart failure.
- 9       Q     Well, if he has cor pulmonale in 1985, then he  
10          has it in 1986. Right?
- 11      A     Not necessarily. It can be a very acute  
12          phenomena. It can -- If I may, may I rely upon  
13          a textbook with diagrams that will show this  
14          clearly, which I will intend to use in front of  
15          the jury? I think it would be a courtesy to  
16          show it to you now to explain this phenomena  
17          that we are talking about.
- 18      Q     Okay.
- 19      A     Sometimes I am deficient with words and I have  
20          difficulty explaining things graphically and a  
21          picture may help.
- 22      Q     Let me just mention to you that for record  
23          purposes what we are going to try to do is just  
24          get -- after you have made reference to that --  
25          marked as an exhibit to the deposition and so

1           forth.

2       A     Will we be able to use a Xerox of this?

3       Q     Well, it wouldn't come out in color, obviously,  
4           but you can, yes. I mean I think the Xerox is  
5           going to be what we are satisfied with on the  
6           record. I am not going to ask you to rip your  
7           page out of your book, no.

8       A     Thank you.

9       Q     Out of curiosity is this THE CIBA COLLECTION OF  
10           MEDICAL ILLUSTRATIONS, VOLUME I, RESPIRATORY  
11           SYSTEM by Frank H. Netter, M.D.? Is that  
12           Volume III or V?

13      A     VII.

14      Q     All right. And that's page what?

15      A     I would like to show two pages. The first is  
16           Page 144.

17      Q     Okay.

18      A     And not to belabor the prior point, but in  
19           understanding the cor pulmonale, this is an  
20           illustration which I use in teaching in medical  
21           school and will demonstrate the answer to two  
22           consecutive questions which you have asked, one  
23           concerning the jugular veins and one concerning  
24           whether cor pulmonale can be there one year and  
25           gone the second.

1           The first example I would like to show is  
2           is Page 144 in which I will show the jury a  
3           classic case from Netter's textbook in which  
4           the title is called Chronic Obstructive Lung  
5           Disease and the subtitle is called cor pulmonale  
6           Due to Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease. And  
7           this is a diagram as I have described the heart  
8           and this is the aorta pumping blood into the  
9           lungs. The blood returns from the -- I'm sorry.  
10          This is the pulmonary artery pumping blood into  
11          the lungs. I'm sorry. And this is blood coming  
12          down into the heart from the vena cava. If the  
13          blood cannot be pumped forward by the heart  
14          into the lungs, and by the way, this is a case  
15          of emphysema and we can see large bullae and  
16          dilated alveoli in this examination of  
17          cor pulmonale. If the blood is -- If the heart  
18          is unable to pump the blood forward into the  
19          lung, then the blood will back up and it will  
20          go up the superior vena cava and down the  
21          inferior vena cava, and this is clearly the  
22          right side of the heart which is doing this.

23                This picture graphically demonstrates the  
24                presence of venous distension and shows a color  
25                photograph of a gentleman's head at the top of

1 the page in which the jugular veins are shown  
2 to be elevated and there is a little sign here  
3 that says the words "venous distension." To  
4 the gentleman's right is a manometer showing  
5 that the pressure is increased in the jugular  
6 vein, and I believe that this probably far  
7 better illustrates the principle I was just  
8 trying to explain than my words are able to.

9 But once again, it clearly shows -- what  
10 I teach is the stopped up-sink-phenomena, and  
11 that is when there is severe lung disease, as  
12 emphysema, that the heart can't pump blood  
13 forward. The blood backs up and will go up  
14 into the neck and cause this jugular vein  
15 distension, and this is called cor pulmonale.  
16 Now, cor pulmonale may either be chronic or it  
17 can be acute. Now, acute cor pulmonale means  
18 that it comes on suddenly and may disappear  
19 when the cause goes away. And this can be  
20 something due to anything from bronchospasm,  
21 which worsens this pre-existing condition,  
22 suddenly throwing this man into right-sided  
23 heart failure with the S4 gallop and the  
24 elevated JVP as you and I have discussed, or it  
25 can be -- and I am not suggesting that this

1       latter is the cause, but use it only for  
2       illustrative purposes, and the other cause is  
3       pulmonary embolism. And pulmonary embolism can  
4       occur and throw the patient into acute  
5       cor pulmonale in which the JVP also goes up,  
6       and the point being that after an embolism goes  
7       away or after bronchial constriction goes away,  
8       that acute cor pulmonale will resolve and there  
9       may not be any subsequent evidence of it, so it  
10      may either be a chronic and persistent  
11      phenomena or it can be a sudden phenomena which  
12      resolves depending on the clinical situation  
13      that precipitated it.

14      Q     And are you going to have another page there  
15             marked just here for record purposes re the  
16             pulmonary embolism?

17      A     And, once again, I am not suggesting that this  
18             man had a pulmonary embolus but only to point  
19             out that cor pulmonale may be present back a  
20             year ago, and if it was due to embarrassed  
21             pulmonary function, say, secondary to  
22             bronchospasm and if that bronchospasm was  
23             relieved, that the lungs would improve and the  
24             cor pulmonale would reside -- reside or resolve.

25      Q     Resolve.

- 1       A     And that would be the same kind of a thing that  
2             you would have with a resolving pulmonary  
3             embolus or any acute pulmonary embarrasment, so  
4             the bottom line being once it's there, it  
5             doesn't always have to be there.
- 6       Q     Okay. For the record, and without taking a  
7             minute out here, we can identify pages --
- 8                     MR. WATKINS: 144 while ago.
- 9       Q     144 and was it 145, too, that you had that  
10            second page?
- 11      A     It's 144 is all.
- 12      Q     144 and then with regard to the potential  
13            differential of pulmonary embolism, 220 -- Well,  
14            is it this whole thing?
- 15      A     Yes.
- 16      Q     226 through 229. Okay. Now, Doctor, getting  
17            back to the medical certificate, the last entry  
18            on that page appears to be -- Let me let you get  
19            your glasses on there. "Lungs clear." Is that  
20            your --
- 21      A     Yes, sir.
- 22      Q     Okay. Now, what is your next page? Does it  
23            look like sort of a continuation sheet of that?
- 24      A     It is just some lined -- All I can say is it's  
25            got -- It's the same one that you are looking



1 at, and it has no date that I can see on it.

2 MR. WATKINS: It has a number two at  
3 the very bottom right.

4 Q Yes, and it says number seven and eight,  
5 continuation, space, but you are right. It is  
6 not dated. But let's just go on on that page a  
7 moment. It's got "A" and "P" at the top. Now,  
8 right on the previous page if you would glance  
9 up at the history, it also has "A" and "P" right  
10 under "S" and "O." Do you see it on the  
11 left-hand side of the page? "S, O, A, P," is  
12 that a medical notation, and if such, what do  
13 those letters mean?

14 A It is an abbreviation for the sequence in  
15 evaluating a patient. I believe "S" stands for  
16 symptoms. I believe "O" is for observation.  
17 "A" is for assessment and "P" is for plan. It  
18 may mean different things in different centers.  
19 This is the one that I am used to using.

20 Q Okay. And have you also heard the S and the O  
21 referred to as subjective and objective?

22 A Right.

23 Q Okay. The A on this second page here that we  
24 have just been talking about says "Probable COPD  
25 but need to RO," and that's rule out, I believe,

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- 1 "CHF," congestive heart failure.
- 2 A Right.
- 3 Q Based on the workup that you have just looked at
- 4 on Page 1, would that be your potential
- 5 differentials?
- 6 A I would agree exactly with the physician that in
- 7 all medical probability it is probably COPD, but
- 8 certainly I think that he is wise to rule out
- 9 congestive heart failure.
- 10 Q Can congestive heart failure be produced by
- 11 either a failure of the left side or of the
- 12 right side of the heart?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Okay. The plan here, the P part, "EKG, CXR,"
- 15 chest x-ray, I guess. And we can talk about
- 16 what those resulted in. I am not trying to
- 17 avoid talking about them. We are just talking
- 18 about them sort of as we get to them. Theo-Dur,
- 19 I guess, would be what? Another kind of
- 20 bronchodilator?
- 21 A It's another Theophylline. It's similar to the
- 22 Slo-Phyllin.
- 23 Q Would they have taken him off the Slo-bid and
- 24 put him on this probably?
- 25 A Either that or he had already stopped it, one of

1 the two.

2 Q Is Theo-Dur a more potent bronchodilator than  
3 Slow-bid or do you know?

4 A I believe it is a little more efficacious and  
5 has longer -- I believe it's got a little longer  
6 term of action, but there is not a great deal of  
7 difference.

8 Q What's your general prescription for Theo-Dur  
9 here? Would you give it for thirty days or does  
10 it vary according to the patients?

11 A It varies according to the patient, but it's not  
12 unusual to give it for thirty days.

13 Q Okay. Terbutaline or I'm sorry. Well, it may  
14 be Terbutaline. Is Terbutaline, in fact, some  
15 type of drug?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What is that?

18 A Terbutaline is a beta 2 agonist. It's a  
19 bronchodilator.

20 Q So they put him on basically the two  
21 bronchodilators again working in different ways  
22 to relieve --

23 A Terbutaline has replaced Brethine and Theo-Dur  
24 has replaced the other Theophylline.

25 Q What is Alupent inhaler?

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1 A Alupent is a bronchodilator somewhat similar to  
2 Terbutaline just slightly different.

3 Q They are loading him up there with  
4 bronchodilators.

5 A They are giving the first two by mouth and the  
6 third one is an inhaler. They are going to give  
7 him two pills plus something to breathe directly  
8 into the bronchial tubes.

9 Q Okay. And then the recommendation is "PFT's  
10 with Theophylline level on the same day," and we  
11 will talk about that in a minute and then there  
12 is an entry "GMC-NP." Do you know what that  
13 means?

14 A As a guess, general -- if it's a military  
15 hospital, it may mean general medical clinic. I  
16 have seen that referred to in VA hospitals as  
17 just the general internal medicine clinic as  
18 GMC.

19 Q What's about "NP"?

20 A New patient maybe.

21 Q Okay. All right. Now, let's take a look, if  
22 you will, the next thing I have is --

23 A I'm sorry. I don't want to interrupt you but  
24 you said we would get back to the EKG and chest  
25 x-ray findings.

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- 1 Q As a matter of fact, I was going to ask you to  
2 look at the EKG next. I am really not trying to  
3 leave any stone unturned here.
- 4 A Okay.
- 5 Q Have you got the EKG in front of you there?
- 6 A I do.
- 7 Q Okay. That was done 4-4-85, I believe. Is that  
8 right?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. Now, at this point in time, first of all,  
11 is this a study that is sort of familiar to you  
12 as at least initially a computer read EKG, ECG?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Okay. I am not going to ask you about some of  
15 these things, but I will ask you if you could  
16 describe, and I will ask you about these one at  
17 a time, what the abnormalities this computer  
18 read are and what in your opinion they signify.  
19 First, the unusual P axis.
- 20 A I am going to have to share with you because  
21 mine does not -- does not have --
- 22 Q Is yours sort of like this? It's got kind of a  
23 cut off top or something?
- 24 A Yes, sir.
- 25 Q Okay. For the record, the doctor's appears to

- 1 say only at the top of his page "Irregularity  
2 and otherwise normal EKG," and the other page of  
3 the electrocardiogram says a little more than  
4 that that you can read irregularity and  
5 otherwise normal EKG or ECG. Okay. Go ahead  
6 and look at that one. The first thing it says  
7 is "Unusual P axis." Now, could you tell us  
8 where on the electrocardiogram that is and what  
9 it means?
- 10 A Well, the P wave is the wave that originates in  
11 the atrium or the upper chamber of the heart,  
12 and it is a little bleb which is right before  
13 the QRS complex.
- 14 Q Okay. Now, you say it originates in the atrium.  
15 Is that the left atrium or the right atrium?
- 16 A It originates originally in the right atrium.
- 17 Q Okay. And where does it move from the right  
18 atrium? Does it move to the left atrium or to  
19 the ventricle?
- 20 A It moves into the bundles -- into the bundle of  
21 his and then down into the bundles going to the  
22 other atrium and then down into both ventricles.
- 23 Q Okay. All right. So it's the first little bleb  
24 you see on the electrocardiogram.
- 25 A That's right.

1 Q All right. And so it says "Unusual P axis."

2 Now, what does that mean?

3 A That means the electrical axis or electrical  
4 direction of the P wave.

5 Q Okay.

6 A This is the type of abnormality that could be  
7 caused by an unusual strain on the right atrium,  
8 as in a cor pulmonale.

9 Q Okay. What are the other potential  
10 differentials for an unusual P axis?

11 A I would assume any type of a disease that would  
12 affect the right atrium --

13 Q Okay.

14 A -- could do it.

15 Q Okay. Now, what about "short PR"?

16 A That, once again, indicates a conduction change  
17 in the electrical conduction going from the  
18 right atrium down into the ventricles.

19 Q Okay.

20 A I am not sure what its significance is.

21 Q Okay. And then it says probable junctional  
22 rhythm with undetermined rhythm irregularity.  
23 Now, is a junctional -- I guess the ordinary  
24 rhythm of the heart is what's called the sinus  
25 rhythm. Right?

1 A That's correct.

2 Q Does probable junctional rhythm mean that this  
3 heart is beating with other than a sinus rhythm?

4 A It says "probable" and it would -- I am not sure  
5 I would agree with their interpretation, because  
6 there is a P wave in front of every complex  
7 indicating to me this is a sinus rhythm, but for  
8 whatever reason they are calling it, a probable  
9 junctional rhythm would indicate that the beat  
10 was originating low in the atrium or in the -- a  
11 junctional rhythm means -- Whereas a sinus  
12 rhythm definitely originates in the atrium. A  
13 junctional rhythm originates somewhere between  
14 the atrium and the ventricle but not necessarily  
15 in the pacemaker.

16 Q Which is where it's supposed to originate.

17 A That's correct.

18 Q Okay. Now, is the pacemaker of the heart, is  
19 that the sinus node?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. And where is it located?

22 A Right atrium.

23 Q Okay. So of those findings, is the unusual  
24 P axis the finding that you would say would be  
25 most consistent with cor pulmonale or some other



1 deficiency of the right atrium?

2 A That and the junctional rhythm. You can develop  
3 all type of arrhythmias with cor pulmonale.

4 Q Okay. Now let me turn next, if I can, to the  
5 chest x-ray reading. Have you got that there  
6 somewhere?

7 A I have one of April 8, 1985.

8 Q Okay. Now, I believe that that was transcribed  
9 on the 8th but it was taken on the 4th. Is that  
10 what your record shows?

11 A That's correct. Okay.

12 Q Dr. M. E. Glenn, do you know Dr. Glenn by any  
13 chance?

14 A No, I don't.

15 Q In reading these records throughout, I am sure  
16 that you have glanced at the names of the  
17 various physicians who have worked this patient  
18 up in one way or another. Have you known any of  
19 them personally?

20 A Other than the physicians associated with my  
21 clinic, no.

22 Q Okay. The exam requested was a chest x-ray,  
23 CXR, persistent -- Wait a minute -- per clinical  
24 history and, again, whoever wrote that part of  
25 it was saying shortness of breath, chronic

- 1 obstructive pulmonary disease versus congestive  
2 heart failure question mark. Is that right?
- 3 A That's correct.
- 4 Q The first notation there, aside from this, was  
5 on a chest x-ray they had to look at is that  
6 "There are extensive pulmonary interstitial  
7 fibrotic changes with parenchymal obstruction in  
8 the upper lobes." Do you read that to mean that  
9 to mean that there are interstitial --
- 10 A Excuse me.
- 11 Q Go ahead.
- 12 A I apologize.
- 13 Q You looked at x-rays on this patient that you  
14 took in '86, didn't you?
- 15 A I did.
- 16 Q And did you review the earlier x-rays, too?
- 17 A I reviewed them quite some time ago but I don't  
18 recall what they showed. I have brought them  
19 today and would feel more comfortable looking at  
20 them freshly.
- 21 Q We will get to those in just a few minutes, but  
22 when you looked at the x-rays, you don't  
23 recollect seeing any pulmonary fibrosis in the  
24 upper lobes of this man's lungs, do you?
- 25 A To the best of my recollection, I don't. I

1 don't recall seeing any fibrosis in the upper  
2 lobes, no.

3 Q Okay. You did see parenchymal obstruction in  
4 the upper lobes, didn't you?

5 A I did, and when I read this, I felt like what  
6 they were saying is there were pulmonary  
7 interstitial fibrotic change and that there was  
8 parenchymal obstruction in the upper lobes. I  
9 didn't definitely interpret this as being a  
10 fibrotic change in the upper lobe.

11 Q Okay. And that, in fact, would be consistent  
12 with what everybody has read it to be and that  
13 is that there is very little in the upper lobes  
14 except maybe some bullae and in the lower lobes  
15 there are some changes which some people have  
16 called interstitial fibrosis and others have  
17 called atelectasis and so forth. Right?

18 A Correct.

19 Q And as a matter of fact, this fellow says that  
20 the bronchovascular markings are crowded  
21 inferiorly, which means in the lower lung zones.  
22 Right?

23 A Correct. I think I had raised that issue in my  
24 report or at least in the discussion of it.

25 Q Okay. The comment that he talks about, the

1 findings being consistent with COPD,  
2 predominantly emphysematous and then mentions  
3 lack of overall hyperexpansion and prominence of  
4 small pulmonary veins raises possibility of  
5 early cardiogenic failure. Now, what does  
6 cardiogenic failure mean? Is that the same  
7 thing as congestive heart failure?

8 A That's correct.

9 Q Okay. And he notes that there is hyperexpansion  
10 of the upper lobes, but do you read that report  
11 to say that he does not believe that the whole  
12 lungs are hyperexpanded, just the upper lobes?

13 A That's the way it reads, yes, sir.

14 Q Okay. Do you agree with that?

15 A I would have to look at his particular x-rays to  
16 comment. Without reviewing them specifically, I  
17 can't comment.

18 Q Okay. And finally, if you will, for the '85  
19 workup let's take a look at the pulmonary  
20 function studies. Do you ever see patients who  
21 have been worked up at the Audie Murphy  
22 pulmonary function labs?

23 A I have seen one or two in the past, yes.

24 Q Do you believe that the Audie Murphy labs are  
25 good quality pulmonary function labs? Do you

1           have any reason to doubt that they are?

2       A     No, I do not.

3       Q     Now, we talked a little bit ago about the  
4           various variables that are considered in  
5           predicted normal lung values.

6       A     Right.

7       Q     This particular patient is measured at Audie  
8           Murphy to be sixty-nine inches tall.

9       A     Right.

10      Q     Which is an inch and a half more than he was  
11           down at Dr. MacDougall's place. What would the  
12           effect of the difference in height have on the  
13           predicted normal value of a patient?

14      A     At the Audie Murphy lab the predicted of  
15           sixty-nine inches over 67.5 would make for a  
16           somewhat larger predicted, which may be offset  
17           by the fact that he is being counted as age  
18           fifty-two. However, once again, and I am not --  
19           I don't want to pick on Dr. MacDougall. I don't  
20           know him. And I wouldn't pick on him if I did,  
21           but we measured without having seen -- as the  
22           records reflect we never had seen these records  
23           prior to my examination, and we measured this  
24           man at sixty-nine inches in height at the Texas  
25           Lung Institute lab.

1 Q You actually measured him at Hermann Hospital as  
2 sixty-eight inches, didn't you?

3 A Well, I'm sorry. This is the record from Corpus  
4 where he was seen by Dr. VanCampen in our  
5 laboratory down there and was measured at  
6 sixty-nine. And I would have to check and see  
7 if at Hermann he was sixty-eight but --

8 Q We will get to that. We will get to that.  
9 Okay. All right. So basically you are saying  
10 that there is a little bit of offset here both  
11 ways and so it may cancel each other out. Is  
12 that what you are saying?

13 A That's correct.

14 Q Okay. Now, at this place, the Audie Murphy  
15 pulmonary function lab, they measured two things  
16 here or at least put two values down; the  
17 temperature, I guess, in the room where they did  
18 this and the barometric pressure. Do you see  
19 that up on the right-hand side there?  
20 Temperature was twenty-five degrees centigrade  
21 and the pressure was 732 millimeters of mercury.  
22 Do you see that up there at the top right-hand  
23 side?

24 A I will --

25 Q We are looking at different pages here. Again,

- 1           let me show you this one, because you may not  
2           have that one.
- 3       A     Okay. Thank you.
- 4       Q     Sure. As a matter of fact, the one you were  
5           looking at is the one right down next to it but  
6           you see that up there on the right-hand side.
- 7       A     Yes, I do.
- 8       Q     Okay. Why in your view would those two items be  
9           recorded?
- 10      A     Very often the standards or the predicteds are  
11           adjusted for barometric pressure and for  
12           temperature in the laboratory.
- 13      Q     Okay. I'm sorry. The standards -- the --
- 14      A     Predictions.
- 15      Q     The predicted normals are adjusted to those two  
16           factors, temperature and pressure. It's been a  
17           real long time since I had chemistry. I hated  
18           it when I had it. Could you tell me, please,  
19           what effect rising temperature and rising  
20           pressure have on volumes in the lung?
- 21      A     Volumes will increase with temperature and  
22           decrease with pressure.
- 23      Q     With the increasing pressure?
- 24      A     With the increasing pressure, right.
- 25      Q     Okay. That's some of those gas laws I never

1           learned. All right. Now, they did both pre and  
2           postbronchodilator studies here, I guess. He  
3           did not improve, I believe you will agree with  
4           me, on postbronchodilator. Is that your  
5           interpretation of these?

6       A       (Nodding affirmatively.)

7                       MR. WATKINS: You have to answer.

8       A       I'm sorry. Correct.

9       Q       Now, the prebronchodilator forced vital capacity  
10           was the highest of the two trials, I guess they  
11           gave him here, at 3.91 liters. Right?

12      A       That's correct.

13      Q       Now, I know what you have said about  
14           Dr. MacDougall's testing, but you will agree  
15           with me that that is a lot higher than  
16           Dr. MacDougall's vital capacity reading. Isn't  
17           it?

18      A       Yes, sir.

19      Q       Okay. And as a matter of fact, it's almost a  
20           full liter higher than his static vital  
21           capacity. Right?

22      A       That's correct.

23      Q       Now, in addition to that, the FEV1 of 1.41 they  
24           got at Audie Murphy here is about 230  
25           milliliters -- 220 milliliters, I guess, higher



- 1           than Dr. MacDougall's. Right?
- 2       A     I believe so.
- 3       Q     Okay. And that would be in your opinion outside
- 4           the range of test-retest reliability. Right?
- 5       A     Once again, I have tended to -- For all these
- 6           factors I have tended to discount
- 7           Dr. MacDougall's testing.
- 8       Q     I understand that. But my question was that's
- 9           outside the range of test-retest reliability
- 10          assuming Dr. MacDougall's is a valid test.
- 11       A     That's right.
- 12       Q     And the test-retest reliability on your
- 13           spirometer is what? About a hundred
- 14           milliliters?
- 15       A     It's three percent of whatever -- It's within
- 16           three percent of whatever the value is.
- 17       Q     Okay. Now, the question that I have for you on
- 18           that is that they loaded him up, you will agree
- 19           with me, I think, on the 4th of April of 1985
- 20           with bronchodilators at his first visit to Audie
- 21           Murphy. Will you agree with me that they loaded
- 22           him up?
- 23       A     Well, they gave him the proper medication.
- 24       Q     Okay. Which consisted of two pills and an
- 25           inhaler. Right?

1 A Right.

2 Q Eighteen days later, which is the date of these  
3 pulmonary function tests, is it possible in your  
4 view that those bronchodilators could have  
5 caused the kind of change in his pulmonary  
6 function that you see between Dr. MacDougall's  
7 tests and the Audie Murphy test?

8 A In the interest of time, do you have  
9 Dr. MacDougall's readily handy?

10 Q Sure.

11 A Thank you. The answer is definitely not.

12 Q Okay. And why would that be?

13 A First, without being repetitive, I believe we  
14 have pointed out many deficiencies in the manner  
15 in which Dr. MacDougall's test was performed,  
16 which makes me believe it to be not accurate.

17 Q Yes.

18 A Number two is let's assume that we wanted to  
19 take the position it was accurate. It was an  
20 accurate test.

21 Q Okay. Assume for a moment that it was accurate.

22 A Let's pretend it was accurate.

23 Q All right.

24 A What is the probability of the patient improving  
25 from July 20, 1984, through April 22, 1985, in a

1 consistent fashion? First let's look at the  
2 vital capacity. The vital capacity for  
3 Dr. MacDougall was 3.0 on static and 2.38 on  
4 forced vital capacity.

5 Q Yes.

6 A So let's just compare forced vital capacity and  
7 forced vital capacity. Forced vital capacity  
8 for MacDougall was 2.38, and to make it easier,  
9 if you want to look with me --

10 Q Okay.

11 A And forced vital capacity here.

12 Q At Audie Murphy is --

13 A Is 3.91 which is almost a -- Well, it's better  
14 than a fifty percent improvement, which it would  
15 be highly unusual, especially in view of the  
16 fact that I don't remember Dr. MacDougall  
17 reporting this patient in severe distress or any  
18 unusual acute process on July 20, 1984. He was  
19 pretty stable when these were taken.

20 Q Now, just as a quick interjection, there is no  
21 indication -- Well, is there any indication he  
22 was in acute distress on the 22nd of April, '85?

23 A No, but the point being that if he was in bad  
24 shape here, it would not be outside the realm of  
25 possibility but not probable that he would go

1 from being in bad shape to good shape.

2 Q You mean from '84 to '85. I mean for the record  
3 purposes you have to kind of keep identifying --  
4 I'm sorry about that but you really do -- what  
5 you are talking about. Okay? Go ahead.

6 A That's right. So first of all, the change from  
7 2.38 to 3.91 of forced vital capacity between  
8 July 20, 1984, and April 22, 1985, while  
9 possible, is not probable in view of the  
10 clinical statistics given. Now, let's look at  
11 the FEV1. MacDougall recorded it as 1.19 in  
12 July of '84 and Audie Murphy recorded it as 1.41  
13 in 1985. Now, although that is a slight change  
14 it is -- and it is within the realm of  
15 possibility, I wouldn't -- but if you look at  
16 the change in FEV1, it is only a --

17 Q 220 milliliters?

18 A 220 MLCC change in flow and we are experiencing  
19 a 1600 cc roughly change in volume. So the  
20 change in volume is so far out of proportion to  
21 the flow, and if we remember that the  
22 bronchodilators are going to affect the flow,  
23 they are not a volume drug. They are a flow  
24 drug, and although a side effect may be improved  
25 volumes, in order to attribute it to

1           bronchodilators or, quote, loading him up with  
2           medicine, I would want to see a better  
3           improvement in flow. Now, finally and I think  
4           the most damning evidence is let's look at the  
5           MMEF. In MacDougall's study July, 1984, this  
6           man had an MMEF of 0.65 liters. Okay. Which is  
7           nineteen percent of predicted. Now, if we look  
8           in 1985 we find an MMEF of 0.48 liters.

9       Q     Well, yes, but I mean you would agree with me  
10           you have to take the best value of the pulmonary  
11           function values and he had a .55.

12    A     Okay. I will accept the .55.

13    Q     Okay.

14    A     But my point being that I can -- if I look at  
15           that value between July 20, 1984, at 0.65 and  
16           April 22, 1985, at .55, there has actually been  
17           a worsening in his flow in that year interval as  
18           measured by midflows. My point being that if we  
19           wanted to attribute any improvement to  
20           bronchodilators, there should be an improvement  
21           in flow studies. The MMEF actually deteriorated  
22           during that year. The FEV1's showed marginal  
23           increase and the only thing that changed was the  
24           forced vital capacity.

25                   And once again, I believe that we have

1           successfully shown without ever looking at  
2           this comparison that Dr. MacDougall's study is  
3           of technical quality which is questionable.  
4           This certainly could not be relied upon to say  
5           there is either improvement or worsening due to  
6           therapy in an attempt to compare these values  
7           because of these inconsistencies.

8       Q     Now, MacDougall's mid-expiratory flow rate is  
9           the rate of flow in the middle half of the  
10          curve.

11      A     That's correct.

12      Q     And it is from the beginning of the curve to the  
13           end of the curve. Right? And not from the  
14           beginning of FEV1 to FEV1.

15      A     It's the whole curve.

16      Q     Right. Now, you have seen that value reduced in  
17           an otherwise asymptomatic patient, haven't you?  
18           Not this guy, but in others.

19      A     It can be slightly reduced but not down to  
20           fourteen percent of predicted.

21      Q     I understand. But the reason for the ability to  
22           see the MMEF reduced in somebody who really  
23           doesn't have very severe lung disease is because  
24           the MMEF mainly measures small airway  
25           obstruction, doesn't it?

1 A That's correct.

2 Q Okay. Now, is it possible that these  
3 bronchodilators are dilating his larger bronchi  
4 and not his smaller bronchioles, the small  
5 airways?

6 A Well, the answer, once again, being that I  
7 believe that it's still a measurement of flow  
8 and I would expect because the effect of the  
9 large airway is reflected throughout the curve,  
10 really, that you would not see a worsening in  
11 MMEF. The flows -- If there is an improvement  
12 in flow, all the flows should improve, maybe not  
13 proportionately, but I would not expect some to  
14 actually get worse and others to get better.  
15 And this suspicion is even further strengthened  
16 by the issues I raised in the performance of  
17 Dr. MacDougall's test. I just don't think it  
18 can be used as a standard of comparison.

(Break.)

20 Q Doctor, let me refer you back very briefly to  
21 that pulmonary function study that was done at  
22 Audie Murphy, and I think I am going to need to  
23 show you my page because I don't think your page  
24 has the blood gases on it. Now, Doctor, the  
25 person that did those blood gases, and let me

- 1 ask you, first of all, to define the blood gases  
2 for us. What are blood gases?
- 3 A They are, briefly, measurements of the oxygen,  
4 carbon dioxide and Ph content of the blood.
- 5 Q Okay. And how are they measured? In other  
6 words, what's the unit of measurement?
- 7 A They are measured in partial pressures, partial  
8 pressure of oxygen, carbon dioxide and  
9 hydrogenide.
- 10 Q And the partial pressures are measured in  
11 milligrams of mercury.
- 12 A Usually, yes.
- 13 Q All right. Now, there are, I guess, predicted  
14 normal values for those as well.
- 15 A It's actually millimeters of mercury, I believe.
- 16 Q Right. Millimeters of mercury. Now, there are  
17 also predicted normal values for those and what  
18 in your laboratory or what do you consider  
19 essentially the range of normal for pulmonary  
20 oxygen pressure?
- 21 A About ninety.
- 22 Q Okay. And is there a range of variation around  
23 that ninety? Is it like from eighty-five to one  
24 hundred?
- 25 A Yes, it would vary. It depends, in part, on the



1 patient's age. For a fifty-two-year-old man,  
2 without looking at the chart, I would think that  
3 normal would be somewhere around eighty-eight,  
4 probably eighty-five, eighty-eight, something  
5 like that.

6 Q Okay. And --

7 A As the lower limit.

8 Q Right. I understand. And what does that mean?  
9 I mean what does that value mean? Does that  
10 mean that there is that much oxygen in the blood  
11 or --

12 A That's the actual pressure that oxygen  
13 contributes to the gases in the blood is that  
14 many millimeters of mercury pressure.

15 Q Okay.

16 A And it's the measurement of the amount of  
17 oxygen.

18 Q So that this eighty-five or eighty-eight, say,  
19 to one hundred millimeters of mercury worth of  
20 oxygen in the blood would mean that the blood is  
21 carrying approximately the amount of oxygen it  
22 should be to oxygenate the tissues. Right?

23 A That's correct.

24 Q Okay. What about carbon dioxide?

25 A Forty.

- 1 Q Is there a range of variation around that?
- 2 A No. Forty plus or minus two.
- 3 Q Okay. And that is the amount of carbon dioxide
- 4 that the blood is carrying as far as its partial
- 5 pressure.
- 6 A That's right.
- 7 Q The Ph of the blood is how acid or how basic it
- 8 is.
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q Okay. And what's the average range of that?
- 11 A 740 is pretty normal plus or minus two.
- 12 Q Okay. Now, in the case of Mr. Caballero at
- 13 Audie Murphy, they got a partial pressure of
- 14 oxygen of fifty-three. Is that right?
- 15 A That's correct.
- 16 Q Now, you mentioned that fifty partial pressure
- 17 of oxygen is respiratory failure, did you not?
- 18 A That's correct.
- 19 Q In light of his pulmonary function test values
- 20 that were reported at Audie Murphy, does that
- 21 fifty-three seem unusually low to you? Do you
- 22 think that test was done wrong?
- 23 A Not necessarily. With the FEV1 down at
- 24 forty-one percent of predicted, which would, I
- 25 believe, qualify him for disability and with an

1 MMEF which is down at fourteen percent of  
2 predicted, and many of these values are down to  
3 fourteen, twelve, sixteen, twenty percent,  
4 meaning that he has lost eighty to ninety  
5 percent of his lung function, I am not surprised  
6 by a CO2 that low. But then again, I wouldn't  
7 be surprised if it was up in the sixties or low  
8 seventies either. It just can depend but  
9 certainly that's not out of proportion to the  
10 severity of this man's lung disease.

11 Q Do you believe that the lung disease that's  
12 shown on those pulmonary function tests is  
13 essentially all caused by his emphysema?

14 A In order to answer that, I need to inquire if  
15 there is another page with diffusing capacity on  
16 it.

17 Q Let me represent to you, Doctor, that we have  
18 not found that a diffusing capacity test was  
19 done at Audie Murphy.

20 A The opinion I have is that the majority of the  
21 abnormality represented here is due to  
22 emphysema. The only reservation I have has  
23 nothing to do with the pulmonary function test  
24 but to do with the fibrosis which I see on  
25 x-ray, which I, once again, am willing to

1 concede may or may not be related to emphysema  
2 from the standpoint that I can't exclude some  
3 impression of the markings in the lower lung.  
4 The reason I -- Now if I may explain to you my  
5 reason for thinking that so much of this is due  
6 to emphysema and not due to any other  
7 superimposed restrictive defect is that the  
8 total lung capacity is 122 percent of predicted,  
9 and even if you assume that a normal lung  
10 capacity is up to 115 or even by a stretch of  
11 the imagination 120 percent of predicted, at 122  
12 percent of predicted this shows significant  
13 hyperinflation with no evidence of any  
14 superimposed restrictive defect, so that if the  
15 vital -- if the total lung capacity was, say,  
16 ninety percent of predicted, that would be lower  
17 than a hundred percent but still within normal  
18 limits and I could say, well, there is emphysema  
19 hyperinflating it with a significant restrictive  
20 defect bringing it back down to normal limits,  
21 and therefore I can't say all this is due to  
22 emphysema. At 122 percent of predicted, it  
23 means either, A, that the emphysema is so severe  
24 that even with superimposed restriction it's  
25 still hyperinflated at 122 or, B, that the

1           restriction really doesn't play any significant  
2           role and that the emphysema by itself still is  
3           capable of hyperinflation. In addition, if you  
4           look at the residual volume, it's 206 percent of  
5           predicted at 4.48, which also certainly speaks  
6           far more to an emphysematous hyperinflated  
7           defect than it speaks to superimposed  
8           restriction.

9           Q    So is it your opinion with a reasonable degree  
10           of medical certainty based on what you have just  
11           said that emphysema is essentially the only  
12           contributory factor to the lung function test  
13           results?

14          A    I believe it is the predominant -- Once again, I  
15           cannot exclude any other minor contributing  
16           factor, but by far and away, possibly best  
17           stated, those pulmonary functions are compatible  
18           with a diagnosis of emphysema without  
19           interjecting any other factor. The only thing  
20           that prejudices me toward including another  
21           factor would be the x-ray.

22          Q    Okay. And we will look at those just shortly,  
23           but let me ask you one final question, and I  
24           think you can make reference to your sheet for  
25           this value. Okay. Well, I'm sorry that does

1 not list both trials, so I am going to have to  
2 show you this sheet again.

3 A Certainly.

4 Q Is the best respiratory capacity that that man  
5 had 2.65 liters?

6 A Yes, sir, it is.

7 Q And can you tell from referring to your other  
8 page there, the consultation sheet, that the  
9 lung volumes were done by plethysmography?

10 A Yes.

11 MR. WATKINS: For the record is this  
12 Audie Murphy?

13 Q Right. And the plethysmography means those were  
14 measured values as opposed to calculated values.

15 A I believe so.

16 Q Plethysmograph being a body box, as it were. Is  
17 that right?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q Okay. Is that the preferred method for  
20 obtaining values like total lung capacity and so  
21 forth in the sense that it's measured rather  
22 than calculated in some other way?

23 A I believe it is.

24 Q Okay. Is that what you --

25 A Assuming that we use a body box at our hospital.

1           The only qualification being that the box is  
2           well calibrated.

3       Q    Okay. Do you have any reason to doubt the  
4           calibration of the Audie Murphy plethysmograph?

5       A    At this time, no.

6       Q    Okay.

7       A    Also just let the record reflect that I do not  
8           have and have not seen the Audie Murphy  
9           pulmonary functions which you have shown me  
10          prior to this time, so I really haven't studied  
11          them in depth, and I would appreciate it if  
12          Mr. Watkins or someone can get those for us.

13                   MR. WATKINS: Well, I have noticed  
14                  here today that they seem to have certain  
15                  entries in more than one of these records  
16                  that I don't have. And I don't know how  
17                  that came about. The reporter in putting  
18                  together the copies that they sent me may  
19                  have left out some entries, and what I sent  
20                  you was just a reproduction from the  
21                  depositions that the reporter picked up of  
22                  these various records.

23       Q    Doctor, do you have a normal value in your  
24           office for therapeutic levels of Theophylline in  
25           the blood?

- 1 A We have a range.
- 2 Q What is that range?
- 3 A Ten to twenty.
- 4 Q Okay. Ten to twenty and what's the unit of
- 5 measurement?
- 6 A It's a milligram percent is what we use, I
- 7 believe.
- 8 Q Okay. -
- 9 A That's per hundred cc's.
- 10 Q Okay. So that's per -- Okay. Let me show you
- 11 this Theophylline level which was obtained, I
- 12 will represent to you, at Audie Murphy, 6.5, and
- 13 I believe that's measured in slightly different
- 14 terms than yours, but it comes out the same way,
- 15 I think, doesn't it? That's micrograms per
- 16 milliliter.
- 17 A I believe so.
- 18 Q Okay. And --
- 19 A And it does exactly, and I notice their normals,
- 20 though, are five to twenty.
- 21 Q I understand that. Their normals are five to
- 22 twenty and they have a 6.5 level. Their normal
- 23 of five to twenty would correspond to your
- 24 normal of ten to twenty.
- 25 A That's correct.



- 1 Q Okay. Now, Doctor, are you familiar with a  
2 publication called the AMERICAN REVIEW OF  
3 RESPIRATORY DISEASE?
- 4 A Yes, I am.
- 5 Q Do you subscribe to it?
- 6 A I do.
- 7 Q Do you try to read it every month to the extent  
8 that you can?
- 9 A I make an attempt to, but I don't have time to  
10 always read every article.
- 11 Q Are you familiar with a particular segment  
12 periodically that appears in there called "State  
13 Of The Art" articles?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And what are "State Of The Art" articles in the  
16 AMERICAN REVIEW OF RESPIRATORY DISEASE?
- 17 A They usually represent a current summary of our  
18 knowledge at that point in time.
- 19 Q Okay. And they are done by people who are  
20 well-known in the area of a particular subject.
- 21 A I would assume so. Sometimes I haven't heard of  
22 the author, but --
- 23 Q You don't have any reason to doubt that the  
24 "State Of The Art" articles in the AMERICAN REVIEW  
25 OF RESPIRATORY DISEASE do not represent the

1           current level of understanding on particular  
2           topics, do you?

3       A     It depends on whether I read them and critically  
4           analyze them. Usually they are certainly a good  
5           place to start.

6       Q     Okay. And the AMERICAN REVIEW OF RESPIRATORY  
7           DISEASE is published by who?

8       A     The American Thoracic Society.

9       Q     What is the American Thoracic Society?

10      A     It's a branch of the American Lung Association.

11      Q     The medical side of it.

12      A     Yes, sir.

13      Q     So the American Thoracic Society is all doctors.  
14           Right?

15      A     Yes, sir.

16      Q     And is the AMERICAN REVIEW OF RESPIRATORY  
17           DISEASE a pure review journal to your knowledge?

18      A     Yes.

19      Q     And what does that mean?

20      A     It means this has an editorial board of  
21           physicians who analyze the articles prior to  
22           their publication usually.

23      Q     And those doctors that are on that advisory  
24           board are pretty well-known in the field, are  
25           they not?

- 1       A     Yes, they are.
- 2       Q     Okay. Now, the AMERICAN REVIEW OF RESPIRATORY  
3             DESEASE --
- 4       A     As a matter of fact, just for the record, this  
5             is the same article in which I previously -- I'm  
6             sorry -- the same journal from which I quoted  
7             the American Thoracic Society's recommendations  
8             on smoking.
- 9       Q     Right. I believe the record will reflect that.  
10            The AMERICAN REVIEW OF RESPIRATORY DISEASE in  
11            1985 published a report of a National Heart,  
12            Lung & Blood Institute workshop on the  
13            definition of emphysema. Let me show you that  
14            article and ask you if you have read that or are  
15            familiar with it at all.
- 16      A     I have not read this article.
- 17      Q     Okay. Are you familiar with the authors of the  
18            article?
- 19      A     No, I am not.
- 20      Q     Okay. Do you know what the National Heart,  
21            Lung & Blood Institute is?
- 22      A     Yes.
- 23      Q     What is that?
- 24      A     It's part of the National Institute of Health, I  
25            believe, NIH, one of the branches.

1 Q Okay.

2 A May I look at this or --

3 Q Sure. But I mean I could ask you a question  
4 about it and then let you look at it before you  
5 answer. You and I may have a difference about  
6 what we are talking about.

7 MR. GUTIERREZ: Do you want me to make  
8 copies of that?

9 MR. McELVEEN: If you wish. I will  
10 ask him one question from it. If he  
11 disagrees, you may want to mark it. I  
12 don't know.

13 Q In any event, let me represent to you, Doctor,  
14 that this was a meeting of individuals who got  
15 together to discuss what the definition of  
16 emphysema would be, which is why the title of  
17 the article is "The Definition of Emphysema."  
18 This is the definition they arrived at, and I am  
19 going to ask you if you agree or disagree with  
20 the definition. Okay. So my question is: Do  
21 you agree or disagree with this definition of  
22 emphysema? "Emphysema is defined as a condition  
23 of the lung characterized by abnormal permanent  
24 enlargement of air spaces distal to the terminal  
25 bronchiole accompanied by the obstruction of

1           their walls and without obvious fibrosis."

2       A     I would concur with that.

3       Q     Okay. Now, we have talked about terminal

4           bronchioles and so forth.

5       A     Let me qualify, I would concur that that is a

6           pathologic diagnosis of emphysema.

7       Q     Right. I am not trying to -- Okay. Fine. We

8           will stop there. In light of that, would you

9           agree with me that if this patient,

10       Mr. Caballero, has fibrosis in his lungs it is

11       not caused by emphysema?

12       A     I would concur with that.

13       Q     All right. Would you agree with me that if

14       Mr. Caballero has interstitial fibrosis in his

15       lungs, it is not caused by cigarette smoking?

16       A     I would agree with that.

17       Q     Okay. Let me direct your attention, then, if I

18       may, to the x-rays for a minute. Now, what I

19       would like to do is ask you to look at them

20       serially with me. I presume that we would need

21       to go back to some other place in your office

22       where there is a view box. The reporter can go

23       and anybody else who wants to can, I guess, but

24       it's a pretty small area, I suspect, isn't it?

25       A     It is, but if you will give me a moment, I can



1 large white triangular area in the bottom of the  
 2 chest film, I guess. Which lung is on our right  
 3 just behind the heart there?  
 4 A That's the left lung.  
 5 Q All right. So the left lung is to our right and  
 6 the right lung is to our left.  
 7 A That's correct.  
 8 Q Okay. Now, that's on posterior anterior views,  
 9 I guess.  
 10 A That's correct.  
 11 Q And, Doctor, what two films do you have up there  
 12 at the moment? The one on the left is what?  
 13 A For viewing purposes we have a film marked  
 14 "X-ray Department, Alice P. Andrews Hospital,  
 15 July 20, 1984."  
 16 Q Okay. And then on the right view box what do  
 17 you have?  
 18 A We have the film performed at the time of my  
 19 original visit dated February 10, 1986, called  
 20 Frostwood X-ray Suite 309.  
 21 Q Doctor, for continuity purposes, could you put  
 22 up instead of that one right at the moment the  
 23 1985 chest x-ray from Audie Murphy and then we  
 24 will move on to yours? You can leave that out  
 25 because we will be looking at it.

1       A     I hate to get everything mixed up. I just don't  
2             want to lose it. There is something on the  
3             outside of this envelope that says Audie Murphy,  
4             so here is an x-ray dated April 4, 1985 --

5                     MR. WATKINS: That would be it.

6       A     -- which is a lateral view and I believe that  
7             this is -- Well, it says Antonio, Texas. It is  
8             not identified either by date, but it states  
9             Audie Murphy. I'm sorry. It says Ricardo  
10            Caballero and a Social Security number. There  
11            is no date nor hospital of identification. It  
12            was a --

13                    MR. WATKINS: I thought you read the  
14                    date.

15       A     No, sir. There was an April 4, '85, x-ray which  
16             was a lateral view which accompanies this x-ray.

17       Q     Doctor, let me hand you an envelope that our  
18             Audie Murphy x-rays came in and see if that  
19             appears to you to be the same x-ray. Ours, I  
20             might say, is a copy but --

21       A     Yes, sir. This would appear to be -- at least  
22             once again, it says Antonio, Texas, and the same  
23             patient identification number. This one also --  
24             Actually I may have overlooked a date. This one  
25             does have a date of April 4, '85, punched up in



1           that right scapula there.

2       Q     Okay. I want you to assume, then, for purposes  
3           of the rest of your discussion that that's the  
4           Audie Murphy x-ray. Now, Doctor, first of all,  
5           could you count the ribs on this patient in the  
6           '84 x-ray for us?

7       A     Roughly eight ribs anteriorly.

8       Q     And would you count the ribs in the '85 x-ray?

9       A     Seven and a half anteriorly.

10      Q     Okay. Now, Doctor, what features in the '84  
11           x-ray do you see which are consistent with  
12           pulmonary emphysema?

13      A     Well, the lungs appear somewhat hyperinflated  
14           from the standpoint that there is a flaring out  
15           of the lateral chest walls. The diaphragms are  
16           slightly depressed. The heart is small and is  
17           vertical. There is no enlargement of the heart.  
18           There is opacity of vascular markings and lung  
19           markings in the upper portion of both lungs.  
20           Examining the x-ray under a bright light, one  
21           also continues to see a near absence of lung  
22           markings in both upper lung zones, and I would  
23           say that the x-ray is definitely compatible with  
24           a diagnosis of emphysema.

25      Q     How would you rate the quality of that x-ray?

1       A       It's fair.

2       Q       Okay. Do you see any bullae in the '84 x-ray?

3       A       No. I can only say that I don't see any  
4                markings at all in the apices of both lungs'  
5                which may indicate the presence of bullae.

6       Q       Okay. Now, how long ago did you first look at  
7                the '84 and '85 chest films would you say?

8       A       Several weeks ago.

9       Q       Okay. Was this before you looked at the records  
10               in the case?

11      A       I got them I think about the same time.

12      Q       Okay. Looking at the '85 chest x-ray, what are  
13               the radiological signs consistent with the  
14               emphysema diagnosis?

15      A       Once again, there is a real darkness or opacity  
16               of lung markings in both apices. Now, on this  
17               x-ray I believe that the left appears somewhat  
18               darker or more vacant than the right. Otherwise  
19               on the PA view alone I don't see any other  
20               findings that I would attribute to emphysema  
21               other than the difference in the lung markings  
22               in the upper part of the lungs and the lower  
23               part.

24      Q       Okay. Does the '85 x-ray have findings on the  
25               lower part of the chest x-ray which would be

1 consistent in any way with congestive heart  
2 failure?

3 A I don't believe so, no, sir.

4 Q Okay. Does it have any findings that would be  
5 consistent with a finding of pulmonary fibrosis?

6 A Yes, it does.

7 Q And could you in general terms sort of mention  
8 what those are?

9 A Well, there are numerous white lines or scars in  
10 the lower part of the right lung. I definitely  
11 do not think this looks like just a failure, but  
12 it certainly has the appearance of interstitial  
13 fibrosis.

14 Q Okay. Doctor, in the area in which  
15 Mr. Caballero lives in South Texas, there are a  
16 couple of fungal diseases, are there not, that  
17 are pretty endemic being coccidioidomycosis and  
18 the other being histoplasmosis? Do you agree  
19 with that?

20 A I know there is histo in that area. I am not  
21 aware that there is much coccidio in that part  
22 of South Texas.

23 Q Is there anything in these chest x-rays that is  
24 consistent with histoplasmosis of the lung?

25 A No, I don't believe this looks like

1 histoplasmosis.

2 Q Okay. What would you expect to see, just out of  
3 curiosity?

4 A I would see far more in the way of round  
5 calcified granulomas than you see in this x-ray.  
6 There is more of a distinct picture sometimes  
7 and will almost look like B B's in the lungs,  
8 little round calcified granulomas.

9 Q Are there any round calcified granulomas in the  
10 lung in this picture in 1985?

11 A Yes, sir, there are a few, but there are a few  
12 calcified granulomas in the '84 x-ray, as well,  
13 but there are some calcified granulomas noted on  
14 this film.

15 Q To what do you attribute those?

16 A They may be due to some old fungal infections, but  
17 if I look at the same x-ray under bright light  
18 examination specifically looking for calcified  
19 granulomas, I believe that some were present the  
20 preceding year as well. I don't believe that  
21 the fibrosis is due to a fungal infection, at  
22 least it's not what I have seen with fungus  
23 infections. I also don't think it's due to  
24 emphysema.

25 Q Okay. The granulomas, though, the old calcified

1 granulomas, if it were an old fungal infection  
2 in the lungs, you would expect to see some in  
3 '84 and some in '85 and they wouldn't have  
4 changed much. Right? That would be consistent  
5 with an old fungal infection that had since  
6 healed. Right?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q Okay. Can fungal infections in the lung cause  
9 pulmonary dysfunction?

10 A Certainly.

11 Q Okay. Let me ask you to take a look at the '86  
12 chest film that your office did. And leave the  
13 '85 up there, why don't you, on the left side  
14 now and we will move on to '86.

15 A I am just trying to keep housekeeping here. I  
16 don't want to lose these.

17 Q I understand. Doctor, first before I ask you  
18 about the '86 chest x-ray, could you tell me if  
19 you see any bullae on the '85 film?

20 A Once again, there are markedly decreased  
21 markings in the upper lobes both left and right.  
22 On the '85 film the left has an appearance of  
23 probable bullous formation on the left in this  
24 x-ray.

25 Q Okay. We have got some little green stickers.

1           Could you put a sticker over the -- Gosh! I  
2           don't know exactly how to do this and keep us a  
3           copy.

4                       (Discussion off the record.)

5                       (Friedman Exhibit No. 7 was marked  
6                       for identification,)

7       Q     Doctor, for the record we are marking as  
8           Friedman Deposition Exhibit 7 the Audie Murphy  
9           April 4, 1985, PA chest film. And I will ask  
10          you, if you would, to take the little green  
11          markers and a black pen here, and first of all,  
12          put on the little calcified granulomas you  
13          identified, next to them, if you would, put the  
14          little markers. And just kind of point a little  
15          arrow and call the first one "A" or shall we  
16          call them all "G" for granuloma? Well, you have  
17          got "G" for granuloma. Are there any others you  
18          see right offhand?

19       A     If we do that, we will have little green things  
20           all over there.

21       Q     Okay. So there are quite a few.

22       A     Yes.

23       Q     Okay. But those are examples, the two which you  
24           marked with that G.

25       A     That's correct.

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1 Q Now, would you put a little green one next to  
2 any bullae you see in the upper lobes and mark a  
3 "B" on that with a little arrow?

4 A I will put a "B" with a question mark on the  
5 right.

6 Q And you see only one bulla on the left.

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. And would you just mark this one also?

9 A The same thing?

10 Q Yes. And, Doctor, again, for the record in your  
11 opinion are the granulomas in all likelihood  
12 caused by some type of fungal disease?

13 A In all probability.

14 Q Okay. They are not caused by emphysema.

15 A That's correct.

16 Q And they are not caused by cigarette smoking.

17 A That's correct.

18 Q Okay. Now, looking at the 1986 chest x-ray, and  
19 we will mark that one Friedman Deposition  
20 Exhibit 8.

21 (Friedman Exhibit No. 8 was marked  
22 for identification.)

23 Q I might say that we have not marked the '84  
24 chest x-ray which we talked about as an exhibit  
25 because the doctor made some findings, but there

1           was nothing that we were asking him to mark on  
2           it. Could you count the ribs on that one, first  
3           of all?

4       A     Seven.

5       Q     Seven ribs, and does the number of ribs which  
6           are visible on the x-ray indicate the extent of  
7           the expansion of the lung?

8       A     Yes.

9       Q     Okay. Now, is there any sort of quantification  
10          about how much lung volume is represented by a  
11          rib, as it were, or we just can't say.

12      A     The farther down the ribs it is, the greater the  
13          level of inspiration.

14      Q     Okay. So the deeper breath he took, the more  
15          ribs you would be able to count.

16      A     Right.

17      Q     On a normal patient of fifty years of age, how  
18          many ribs could you count or is there any way to  
19          guesstimate that?

20      A     That depends on the height and weight of the  
21          patient. If the patient has gained weight, we  
22          might have less ribs showing one year than  
23          another because the diaphragm elevates, not  
24          because of his lungs being better or worse, but  
25          because of other factors, so it varies.



1 Q Okay. Do you think that any of Ricardo  
2 Caballero's lack of lung volume is due to the  
3 weight he gained between '84 and '85, because I  
4 think you have noted he gained some fifteen or  
5 twenty pounds?

6 A If he gained that much weight -- Let the record  
7 reflect that we are away from my notes, but if  
8 he gained -- if they reflect he gained fifteen  
9 to twenty pounds, then that would certainly  
10 explain the rise in the diaphragm.

11 Q Okay. Now, on the '86 chest x-ray do you see  
12 anything that you would call probable  
13 interstitial fibrosis in the lower lung lobes?

14 A I do.

15 Q All right, sir. And that is again sort of  
16 pretty diffuse. It would be difficult to mark  
17 it with a little marker.

18 A That's correct.

19 Q All right. Do you see any bullae in the upper  
20 lobes?

21 A Once again, there is opacity of lung markings,  
22 which is the finding you see with bullae, and  
23 let the jury understand that a bullae is just a  
24 hole where there is not much lung tissue, and  
25 looking at these x-rays under bright light

1 examination, if we look at what I consider to be  
2 a normal area of lung, which would be somewhere  
3 in the middle of the lungs --

4 Q You are pointing to the middle of the right lung  
5 now.

6 A That's correct, or the middle of the left. It's  
7 fairly normal. Sort of the lower part is  
8 fibrotic, but when we get to the upper part, we  
9 see it's very dark and I believe that there may  
10 be bullae both in the right and left upper  
11 lobes.

12 Q Okay. Could you mark what you think are the  
13 probable bullae in the right and left upper  
14 lobes with the little green stickers and call  
15 them "B"? What I was doing was to reach in here  
16 to ask if on my copy of the '86 you could also  
17 mark this for my purposes. All right, sir. And  
18 I am going to just mark mine Friedman Deposition  
19 Exhibit 8. Dr. Friedman, putting your '86 x-ray  
20 back up on the board for just a minute, do you  
21 see any granulomas on the '86 x-ray?

22 A Oh, there may be a very few in the same area as  
23 before. They are not quite as apparent on this  
24 x-ray as they are on the Audie Murphy x-ray, I  
25 believe.

1 Q Do you think, Dr. Friedman, that the  
2 interstitial fibrosis between '85 and '86 has  
3 increased?  
4 A No. I would say that it's about --  
5 Q About the same?  
6 A About the same.  
7 Q Okay. All right. Doctor, let me ask you this  
8 question: Are bullae in the lungs such that  
9 only the larger ones are apt to be visualized on  
10 x-ray?  
11 A No. I think you can have small bullae or have  
12 just what we call hyperlucency, meaning that the  
13 lungs appear darker than they ought to due to  
14 the increased air and not be able to see the  
15 actual walls of the bullae, and I believe in  
16 this case that that is what we are seeing on  
17 x-ray is just that I believe these represent  
18 empty sacks with little or no blood vessels or  
19 bronchial tubes going through them which  
20 represent bullae, but without really seeing  
21 specific walls to the bullae, except I believe  
22 this may represent the wall of a bulla on the  
23 left lung seen in the left third inner space.  
24 Q Okay. Now, is that a different bulla than the  
25 one you have marked?

- 1       A     No. It may be part of the same thing just  
2             because there is a large radiolucency in both  
3             upper lungs.
- 4       Q     So is it your opinion that the bullae that are  
5             there in all likelihood occupy the vast majority  
6             of the upper lobes looking now at your film?
- 7       A     Looking under bright light examination, I  
8             believe that they occupy a considerable portion  
9             of the upper lobes.
- 10      Q     Okay. Would this in all likelihood represent  
11            one large bulla or several smaller bullae that  
12            have sort of consolidated in parts?
- 13      A     I would think that it would represent several  
14            smaller, from the standpoint that you can't see  
15            some fibrous tissue in that area. I believe  
16            that there maybe several bullae, but to me it  
17            just looks like the upper part of an  
18            emphysematous lung.
- 19      Q     Okay. Are you of the opinion that this patient  
20            in all likelihood has bullous emphysema?
- 21      A     I believe he has emphysema and I believe that  
22            there are probably bullae present in all  
23            probability, yes.
- 24      Q     Okay. I take it, then, that the answer to the  
25            question does he have bullous emphysema is yes?

1 A I believe so, yes.

2 Q Okay. Thank you. Now, one final question and  
3 that is no x-ray was done in either of the  
4 October periods of time when this man was seen.  
5 Is that correct?

6 A No, I have an x-ray of October 14th.

7 Q Okay. Could we take a look at that, then,  
8 please? Why don't you leave the earlier '86  
9 x-ray up on the left view box. Now we are  
10 moving Exhibit 8 over to the left view box and  
11 we are going to put up something on the right  
12 view box. We do not have a copy, by the way, of  
13 the October whatever date it is x-ray.

14 A October 14, 1986.

15 Q Okay. Doctor, let me, if I may, mark this  
16 document as Friedman 9.

17 (Friedman Exhibit No. 9 was marked  
18 for identification.)

19 Q Doctor, for the record we have marked as  
20 Friedman Deposition Exhibit No. 9 a chest x-ray  
21 PA view of October 14, 1986. Now, first of all,  
22 Doctor, could you count the ribs on that one  
23 just since we have been counting everybody's  
24 ribs.

25 A Seven and a half.

1 Q Okay. At the time this chest x-ray was taken,  
2 you did not do pulmonary function tests. Is  
3 that right?  
4 A That's correct.  
5 Q Okay. What does this film show in your opinion?  
6 What does it show?  
7 A Well, it's of a lighter penetration or a little  
8 different technique than the prior films. I do  
9 not believe it shows any major difference from  
10 the February film other than the technique. The  
11 interstitial markings, I believe, are unchanged  
12 when technique is taken into consideration.  
13 Maybe even a little less. The markings, once  
14 again, are somewhat diminished in the upper lung  
15 zones. Once again, I have the opinion that  
16 there are bullae present on the basis of these  
17 diminished markings but do not see any definite  
18 wall for the bullae.  
19 Q Okay. Could you just mark as you have in  
20 earlier x-rays the places where you think bullae  
21 are in the upper lobes? Just put a little "B"  
22 there. All right. So, in summary, would you  
23 say that there appears to be little, if any,  
24 interval change between the February and the  
25 October x-ray?

1       A     There is little radiographic change other than  
2             technique of the film and I do not see bullae as  
3             clearly delineated on this radiograph, but once  
4             again, the technique is different making it  
5             harder to assess.

6       Q     I understand. And in light of the x-rays which  
7             you have reviewed here, do you think that there  
8             is, in fact, probably with reasonable medical  
9             probability, as they say, some interstitial  
10            fibrosis in the lower lung lobes?

11      A     I do.

12      Q     All right. Doctor, could we move back outside,  
13             then, for a moment? I believe that's all the  
14             questions I have here.

15                   MR. STUHAN: Was a lateral view taken  
16                   in October?

17                   THE WITNESS: Yes.

18                   MR. STUHAN: We will need a copy of  
19                   that, too.

20                   MR. McELVEEN: First of all, could you  
21                   call them back here a second, because I am  
22                   going to ask him if there is anything he  
23                   sees on the lateral?

24      Q     Could you take just a look at the lateral chest  
25             view of the October visit and tell us if there

1 is anything on there that would be diagnostic  
2 with regard to any kind of lung disease, whether  
3 it be obstructive, restrictive or otherwise. If  
4 you are going to say something about it, we will  
5 mark it.

6 A Well, let's mark it.

7 Q Okay.

8 (Friedman Exhibit No. 10 was marked  
9 for identification.)

10 Q Okay. Go ahead.

11 A I believe there is a slight increase in what we  
12 call the retrosternal air space, which is this  
13 area of air between the sternum and the heart,  
14 and I had noticed that on prior lateral x-rays  
15 as well. There may be also slight flattening of  
16 this diaphragm. It has lost part of its rounded  
17 contour, but it is not completely flat.

18 Q Okay. Thank you very much, Doctor. And we can --

19 A I would also like the record to show that I  
20 would like the court reporter to have possession  
21 of these or the Court to, since they are marked  
22 as an exhibit. I would rather them not be left  
23 in my custody.

24 Q Yes, we do need copies.

25 MR. McELVEEN: And, Will, how do you



1 want to work that?

2 MR. WATKINS: You need copies of the  
3 October 14th --

4 MR. McELVEEN: PA and lateral chest  
5 x-rays.

6 MR. WATKINS: Can you arrange for that  
7 to be done, Gary?

8 THE WITNESS: That's why I want to  
9 leave it with the reporter. If I had the  
10 facility in my office, I would, but because  
11 it has to be turned over to the hospital, I  
12 don't want to trust them.

13 MR. WATKINS: Let me ask the reporter  
14 to get those to me or I will take them from  
15 here if you want me to.

16 MR. McELVEEN: Why don't we talk to  
17 Morris about how best to do that?

18 MR. WATKINS: We will see to it that  
19 you get copies.

20 (Break.)

21 Q Doctor, let me bring your attention now up to  
22 your February 10, 1986, report. Could you pull  
23 that report for us? First of all, Dr. Friedman,  
24 when this patient came to you on the 10th of  
25 February, 1986, I take it that you made up a

1 patient jacket or file folder for this man. Is  
2 that correct?

3 A That's correct.

4 Q And we have, I think, subpoenaed and requested  
5 your records about six ways from Sunday. One of  
6 the things which we didn't ask for interestingly  
7 enough was the cover of the folder. I notice  
8 that when you have had it out here that there is  
9 a big red stamp on the cover called "Allergies."  
10 Is that a notation that is made with respect to  
11 any patient of yours who has any type of  
12 allergic reaction to anything?

13 A Right. Well, to any medication. If there is --  
14 A notation for -- All charts are stamped with  
15 the word allergies even before they are assigned  
16 to a patient, and then if we have a patient with  
17 allergic problems to a medication that we are  
18 about to prescribe or something, we make a  
19 notation on here so it will be apparent to  
20 anybody who picks up the chart.

21 Q Okay. Does Mr. Caballero have any allergies to  
22 any medications?

23 A Not that I am aware of.

24 Q Okay. You did take a history of him which  
25 indicated that he did get what I believe he may

1           have described to you as some hay fever.  
 2       A     Right.  
 3       Q     Do you recall that? What was his description to  
 4           you of that condition?  
 5       A     I believe he had some runny nose and maybe even  
 6           some watery eyes, but no respiratory symptoms  
 7           that particularly accompanied the hay fever and  
 8           by his description he called it hay fever, and  
 9           it sure sounded like hay fever.  
 10      Q     Okay. Doctor, is this individual, would you  
 11           describe him as atopic?  
 12      A     I think because of the hay fever it's possible  
 13           that he may have some atopy.  
 14      Q     And could you tell us what that is?  
 15      A     Allergic type of reaction, although in this part  
 16           of Texas that's not unusual at all. In South  
 17           Texas also. But I did not find any evidence for  
 18           other signs of atopy such as dermatitis or  
 19           asthma.  
 20      Q     Okay. And when you talk about atopy, are you  
 21           specifically referring to a problem with this  
 22           person's immunoglobulin E?  
 23      A     I am not -- we didn't measure that and I really  
 24           can't say, and whether he is atopic or not is  
 25           only a speculation on my part. We don't have

1 anything other than his hay fever and that's why  
2 I said I think it's possible that he may be.

3 Q Part of the reason I asked that, Doctor, is  
4 because I am just wondering if you felt that he  
5 could become at least symptomatically better if  
6 you had looked for an atopic condition, found  
7 one and then treated it.

8 A No.

9 Q Okay. And why would that not be --

10 A Number one is that historically he had no  
11 evidence of asthma by history. Number two is on  
12 physical examination he had no wheezing, so that  
13 there was no reversible component on physical  
14 examination.

15 Q By you?

16 A By me and by most -- by Dr. VanCampen prior to  
17 me -- I'm sorry -- after me. And I can only  
18 find one reference to wheezing, I believe, in  
19 the chart, although I did not have that when I  
20 examined him. But I heard no wheezing. Then  
21 the third consideration being that on the  
22 pulmonary function studies that at least  
23 subsequently we have found that he has no  
24 reversibility, and I can't find even  
25 respectively in view of records that anyone has

1 shown he has a significantly reversible element  
2 to his airway obstruction on pulmonary function  
3 testing.

4 So what does this mean? Well, by history  
5 there is no asthma. By physical examination,  
6 except possibly on one occasion throughout the  
7 medical records, there was no wheezing or  
8 asthma. And by pulmonary function testing  
9 there is no reversible component. Therefore  
10 whether he has atopy or not, I guess we can  
11 measure IGE levels, but clinically it has not  
12 manifest itself either through history, through  
13 physical examination or through pulmonary  
14 function testing.

15 Q You have not measured his IGE levels because of  
16 the reasons that you have mentioned.

17 A (Nodding affirmatively.)

18 Q I understand you are saying it didn't happen in  
19 this case. Could compromised immunoglobulin  
20 levels in a patient result in compromised  
21 airways?

22 A Not -- not per se. You may have IGE levels  
23 which are the -- which subsequently result in an  
24 asthma type of condition, but it is the asthma  
25 itself that then results in any compromise in

1           airways. There are maybe many people walking  
2           around who have IGE abnormalities that until  
3           they are triggered have no detrimental effect on  
4           the airway per se, so it's not the IGE that does  
5           it. It is the reaction with known allergens  
6           that causes the problem.

7       Q     In addition to not measuring his IGE, you did  
8           not do any type of allergy skin testing.

9       A     That's correct.

10      Q     That's correct.

11      A     That's correct.

12      Q     And the reason for that was what?

13      A     I am not an allergist. He was here for a brief  
14           period of time. I have discussed the  
15           possibility of doing skin testing in the past  
16           purely to provide answers to questions like this  
17           which I anticipated, not for the treatment  
18           medically of this patient, because I have no  
19           reason to believe that that is a probable cause  
20           of his problem based upon history, physical and  
21           pulmonary function testing.

22      Q     So you have made the suggestion and presumably  
23           it's been rejected. Is that correct?

24      A     No, it hasn't been rejected. We may bring him  
25           back sometime between now and the time of the

- 1 trial to do that but purely as --
- 2 Q Purely for litigation purposes.
- 3 A For litigation purposes.
- 4 Q Okay. Doctor, how long did you see this patient
- 5 when he first came in to see you?
- 6 A I believe we spent an hour and a half or two
- 7 hours in obtaining the complete history that we
- 8 took.
- 9 Q Before he came in to your office, had you sent
- 10 either Mr. Watkins or him any type of
- 11 questionnaire or anything to fill out?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q When he came in to see you, did he bring
- 14 anything with him?
- 15 A Not that I remember.
- 16 Q Did he bring a lawyer with him?
- 17 A No, I don't believe he did.
- 18 Q Okay. Did his wife come with him?
- 19 A I don't recall.
- 20 Q Okay. Did he fill out anything once he got
- 21 here?
- 22 A Yes, he did.
- 23 Q Do your records contain everything he filled out
- 24 when he got here?
- 25 A Yes, they do.

1 Q And is everything that he filled out and all the  
2 notes you took, are they accurately reflected in  
3 what has been marked as Exhibit 4, which let me  
4 just show to you. Let me show you this, which  
5 has been marked as 4, and ask you to compare  
6 that with your own records.

7 A Allow me to now check my chart against that.  
8 Okay. Your question is: Is that all of the  
9 notes there were? Right?

10 Q My question at the moment is: In Exhibit 4 do  
11 we have everything that Mr. Caballero wrote  
12 while he was there and everything Dr. Friedman  
13 wrote while he was here?

14 A The answer is no.

15 Q Okay. Could we get the reporter to mark  
16 whatever is left as Exhibit No. 11?

17 A I believe there is a demographic sheet which the  
18 patient fills out his name and address and  
19 wife's name and occupation, et cetera, that was  
20 not copied. It contains no medical information  
21 but it is a demographic sheet that for  
22 completeness you may wish --

23 Q I think for completeness of the record we will  
24 ask that that be copied but we don't need to  
25 copy it right now. Somebody remember it during



1 the next break.

2 A I am going to hand the entire chart to one of  
3 the attorneys so that he may look for anything  
4 else that inadvertently may be overlooked, but  
5 everything in the chart is there.

6 MR. McELVEEN: I believe if it's okay  
7 with all the lawyer's and for completeness'  
8 sake, I am going to ask Mr. Atlas, if he  
9 wants to, or Mr. Barger, since he has been  
10 our good steward so far, just to make a  
11 copy of whatever is in the chart other than  
12 what's 4 and call it 11. Would that be  
13 satisfactory to everybody?

14 MR. ATLAS: Okay. Everything else in  
15 here except 4?

16 MR. McELVEEN: 4, and that includes  
17 the EKG tape. We may as well have it, but  
18 just for completeness' sake --

19 MR. WATKINS: That's all right.

20 MR. ATLAS: Darrell?

21 MR. BARGER: Well, I am fixing to  
22 leave.

23 (Discussion off the record.)

24 (Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Skaggs and

25 Mr. Barger left.)

1 Q Doctor, while we were off the record there a  
2 moment we had looked at your file and I think it  
3 may still be somewhere else. My next questions  
4 had to do with some of those matters so maybe we  
5 will have to wait just a second here and get  
6 them back. I tell you what, in order to  
7 conserve some time here, why don't I show you  
8 what I have got? I think you will recognize it  
9 to be your records, and I just want to ask you a  
10 couple of questions about them.

11 A Certainly.

12 Q Number one, is your workup of the patient  
13 himself, I am assuming, Doctor, that from what  
14 you have said so far that everything you have  
15 learned about Ricardo Caballero you learned from  
16 him --

17 A That's correct.

18 Q -- as far as his history and symptomatology is  
19 concerned. Let me show you your 2-14-86 report,  
20 which is marked as Exhibit 1. Doctor, you took  
21 a history of this patient as being a person here  
22 with regard to his cigarette smoking history as  
23 being a person who said that he averaged about  
24 one pack of cigarettes per day when he started  
25 but prior to quitting he was up to two and a

1 half packs per day. Did he tell you that?  
2 A Yes.  
3 Q Okay. Did you read anywhere in the prior  
4 records that you reviewed that he smoked that  
5 much?  
6 A Yes. I don't remember where.  
7 Q Okay. You say you did not read his deposition.  
8 A No, I didn't read anybody's deposition.  
9 Q So it was in some medical record somewhere.  
10 A That's right.  
11 Q Okay.  
12 A It may have been -- I don't remember if it was  
13 in his military records but it was in one of the  
14 records I reviewed that recorded at least a  
15 two-pack-per-day smoking history.  
16 Q Well, there is a little difference between a two  
17 pack a day and two and a half pack. Is the  
18 highest you saw two packs?  
19 A I believe so.  
20 Q Okay. And he reported to you, then, he had  
21 smoked as high as two and a half packs.  
22 A That's right. Go ahead.  
23 Q Well, go ahead.  
24 A I did not take two and a half packs versus two  
25 packs into consideration for calculating the

- 1 pack-year history, anyway.
- 2 Q What did you calculate it based on?
- 3 A I believe I used a pack a day for the first.
- 4 roughly ten years and then two a day after that.
- 5 Q After that, and what did you base that on?
- 6 A Just the information he told me of when he
- 7 started to increase his smoking.
- 8 Q Okay. Do you have any reason to disbelieve that
- 9 when he went to see Dr. MacDougall and
- 10 Dr. MacDougall reported a pack and a half a day
- 11 that that is, in fact, what Mr. Caballero was
- 12 smoking?
- 13 A I wouldn't quibble with it.
- 14 Q Okay. So if that's the case, Mr. Caballero had,
- 15 in fact, cut down.
- 16 A That would be correct.
- 17 Q Okay. Now, Doctor, your report of the Hermann
- 18 Hospital report, let me show you that. Were you
- 19 present when that was done?
- 20 A No, I was not.
- 21 Q All right. Do you know who performed the test?
- 22 A No, sir.
- 23 Q And this is the pulmonary function test as
- 24 opposed to the exercise stress test.
- 25 A That's correct.

1 Q Okay. Can you tell from looking at the record  
2 who actually did it, not who reported it, but  
3 who did it?

4 A I assume it was the pulmonary function  
5 technician at the University of Texas Medical  
6 School laboratory.

7 Q Okay. Do you know who that person is?

8 A No, I do not.

9 Q Okay. Do you know what their qualifications  
10 are?

11 A No, I do not.

12 Q Okay. Do you know whether there are minimal  
13 qualifications for respiratory technicians in  
14 the University of Texas system?

15 A No, I do not.

16 Q Okay. Do you, as head of respiratory pulmonary  
17 function testing labs in various hospitals  
18 around town have any minimal prerequisites for  
19 the qualifications for your pulmonary  
20 technicians?

21 A Most of our technicians are either certified or  
22 registered therapists and have had prior  
23 testing. We supervise them but have no  
24 other requirement or certification.

25 Q Okay. When you say "certified therapists," you

1           mean --

2     A     Respiratory.

3     Q     -- respiratory therapists in the sense of being

4           able to take care of patients with lung disease.

5           Right?

6     A     Well, they have completed requisite training and

7           taken appropriate examinations to have

8           certification and at least in the State of Texas

9           we have three levels of respiratory therapist.

10          Therapists that are just on-the-job training,

11          therapists that are certified and therapists

12          that are registered.

13     Q     Okay. Each is a higher level of qualification

14           than the other.

15     A     And training, right.

16     Q     Does the training for this registration and

17           certification include pulmonary function test

18           giving training?

19     A     Yes, sir, I believe that it does.

20     Q     Okay. Do you know that it does?

21     A     I know that that is included in the course

22           curriculum. Whether it's on the examination or

23           something, I can't tell you.

24     Q     Okay. You do not know which of these three

25           classifications the person that did this test at

1 Hermann was, do you?  
2 A No, I don't.  
3 Q Okay. MacDougall's voluntary ventilation on  
4 that test was recorded at forty-six liters per  
5 minute.  
6 A That's correct.  
7 Q And that is, I believe we said earlier, the  
8 amount of air a person can breathe in and out  
9 breathing as hard and rapidly as possible.  
10 Right?  
11 A That's correct.  
12 Q Your pulmonary function tests reported -- Well,  
13 let me show you that again. The Hermann  
14 Hospital PFT's reported this man's height at  
15 sixty-eight inches. Right?  
16 A That's correct.  
17 Q Okay. They found a three and a half liter vital  
18 capacity. Right?  
19 A That's correct.  
20 Q And that was a forced vital capacity. Right?  
21 A That's correct.  
22 Q Okay. The FEV --  
23 A But just for the record it is also equal to the  
24 slow vital capacity, which was also -- or static  
25 vital capacity which was also 3.49, which is the

1 same.

2 Q Okay. Does that mean that in your opinion he  
3 was not trapping air?

4 A I can't say. I can only say that the vital  
5 capacities at this date and time were equal.

6 Q Okay. So whether he breathed out slowly or as  
7 rapidly and hardly as possible, they were the  
8 same.

9 A Right, and I would say he is trapping air  
10 significantly but not because of the vital  
11 capacities, but the residual volume was 213  
12 percent of predicted so we know he was trapping  
13 some air.

14 Q Okay. That compared to the 206 percent of  
15 predicted by Audie Murphy. Correct?

16 A That's correct.

17 Q The total lung capacity that you took was 117  
18 percent of predicted and at Audie Murphy it was  
19 what? I think you have got that right in front  
20 of you here.

21 A It was 122 percent of predicted.

22 Q Okay. So is that within test reliability?

23 A I think so, yes.

24 Q The diffusion you measured at 6.94. Diffusion  
25 is the ability of a gas in the case -- in your



1 carbon monoxide to get across the alveolar wall  
2 across the capillary wall and into the  
3 bloodstream. Is that a fair statement?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. And carbon monoxide is used as a test gas  
6 because there is relatively little of it in the  
7 lungs and you wouldn't confuse it with oxygen, I  
8 guess. Right?

9 A Correct.

10 Q And also because carbon monoxide diffuses  
11 easily. I'm sorry -- diffuses with about the  
12 same ability as oxygen diffuses, doesn't it?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And it also latches onto hemoglobin with much  
15 more affinity than oxygen does. Right?

16 A Right.

17 Q So there is very little back pressure with  
18 carbon monoxide and it's a good substitute gas  
19 for showing how good the lung is in transferring  
20 a surrogate for oxygen into the bloodstream. Is  
21 that fair?

22 A It measures the transfer of carbon monoxide is  
23 what you can really say.

24 Q Okay. What does it mean to you with regard to  
25 the transferability of oxygen? Does it say

1 anything?

2 A It can be assumed that it also would be  
3 applicable for oxygen.

4 Q Okay. And why is that?

5 A Because it is used just as a marker gas and it  
6 is felt the mechanisms are similar in the  
7 transport of the two.

8 Q His diffusion was what percent of predicted?

9 A Twenty-one percent.

10 Q All right. In light of the pulmonary function  
11 test values that you got in this patient, do you  
12 think that that diffusing capacity represented --  
13 First of all, do you think it was done right?  
14 Is it an accurate reading?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. Secondly do you think that it was in part  
17 due to emphysema and in part due to fibrosis?

18 A Certainly could have been contributed to by the  
19 fibrosis, yes.

20 Q Okay. Do you believe that the extremely low  
21 diffusion capacity value that was obtained is  
22 consistent with the resting blood oxygen of 76  
23 that he had?

24 A We have to remember that on one occasion in  
25 another hospital it was 53. With exercise it

1 drops down, I believe, to 54 at Hermann  
2 Hospital.

3 Q Right.

4 A And I certainly believe that his diffusion  
5 capacities are compatible with those findings.

6 Q You would agree, would you not, though, that  
7 that diffusion capacity measured at Hermann was  
8 measured at rest, wouldn't you?

9 A That's correct.

10 Q Okay. People don't measure diffusion on  
11 exercise, do they?

12 A No, but the point being that if there is a  
13 diffusion probably that with exercise oxygen  
14 will fall, whereas the gas will be normal at  
15 rest. So that the -- So that the oxygen may be  
16 normal at rest but with exercise you increase  
17 shunning and oxygen will fall with exercise.  
18 That fact that the oxygen fell with exercise is  
19 compatible with finding a marked abnormality in  
20 the diffusing capacity.

21 Q If the diffusing capacity at rest was only  
22 twenty-one percent of predicted, though,  
23 wouldn't you have expected to see a lower  
24 resting arterial blood gas since, in fact,  
25 diffusion is indirectly measuring what arterial

1 oxygen measures are valued directly?

2 A I would not have been surprised to see a lower  
3 blood oxygen level.

4 Q Okay. All right. One of the values that you  
5 measured at the time of this test was the airway  
6 resistance.

7 A Right.

8 Q You call that normal.

9 A Right.

10 Q Is the airway resistance value generally normal,  
11 increased or decreased with emphysema?

12 A Usually it's normal, especially with a lot of  
13 small airway disease. I would not be surprised  
14 at all to see the airway resistance normal.

15 Q What does airway resistance measure?

16 A It's more an indicator of large airway  
17 obstruction, and once again, had we been  
18 suspicious of asthma or atopic disease involving  
19 the larger airways, we would have expected  
20 airway resistance to be increased. You may have  
21 extensive small airway disease before the airway  
22 resistance increases.

23 Q The airway resistance is like thinking about  
24 breathing through a straw empty and breathing  
25 through a straw that's filled with milk shake in

1 the sense that it's tougher to get air through  
2 the milk-shake-filled straw.

3 A I like to think of it more as a difference  
4 between you breathing through a straw and  
5 breathing through a larger tube than just how  
6 much resistance there is to air flow is really  
7 what it measures.

8 Q Okay. So the larger the caliber of the tube,  
9 the easier air goes through. The less  
10 resistance there is.

11 A That's right.

12 Q As the caliber of the tube shrinks, the tougher  
13 it is for air to move through there and  
14 therefore the increase in airway resistance.

15 A For a large tube, that's correct.

16 Q As between a small tube and a large tube.

17 A That's correct.

18 Q All right. So your view is that this man does  
19 not have much in the way of large airway  
20 disease.

21 A That's correct.

22 Q Okay. When the exercise stress test was  
23 performed at Hermann Hospital, to your knowledge  
24 was the resting arterial blood gas taken at the  
25 beginning of that test?

1 A Normally it would be.

2 Q All right. Was the end blood gas, the exercise  
3 or material blood gas, taken at the end of that  
4 test?

5 A To the best of my knowledge, yes, it was.

6 Q Okay. Now, in the --

7 (Mr. Bleakley and Mr. Atlas left  
8 during a break.)

9 Q Doctor, at the time of the exercise stress test,  
10 were you present?

11 A No, I was not.

12 Q Was that done just after the pulmonary function  
13 studies were done down there?

14 A To the best of my knowledge, yes, sir.

15 Q Let me just ask you this, Doctor: Let me show  
16 you the pulmonary function studies again. First  
17 of all, can you tell me if there is anyplace on  
18 that study or anywhere in your record for that  
19 matter, and let me give you your record back  
20 here for a moment. Would that be right here?  
21 Your file is right there in front of you. I'm  
22 sorry. Is there any place on that record or  
23 anywhere else in your records that reflect the  
24 degree of cooperation that the patient gave?

25 A I don't see that, no, sir.

1 Q All right. Were any postbronchodilator studies  
2 done on this patient?

3 A In reviewing the study, I did not see that any  
4 were done.

5 Q Okay. I believe you have testified before and I  
6 believe that you would agree that your position  
7 is that in anybody who has got markedly abnormal  
8 pulmonary function postbronchodilator studies  
9 should definitely be done. Is that right?

10 A That's correct.

11 Q Why didn't you have them done this time?

12 A Well, I did not -- I was not present when these  
13 were performed.

14 Q I understand.

15 A The patient was sent down to the University of  
16 Texas Medical School to the Texas Medical Center  
17 and normally the postbronchodilator study should  
18 have been performed. Why they did not perform  
19 them, I do not have any explanation. They were  
20 not done under my immediate direction or  
21 supervision.

22 Q Okay. And, indeed, you didn't send him back  
23 down there for poststudies.

24 A That's correct.

25 Q There appears only to have been one trial here.

1 Is that right?

2 A They always do three trials down there. I don't  
3 have the raw data, but I know that they always  
4 do a minimum of three trials.

5 Q Okay. Are there tracings with these studies?

6 A I did not receive them, but I am sure they would  
7 be on file or should be on file with the  
8 laboratory at Hermann Hospital.

9 Q Okay. You would agree with me, would you not,  
10 that if you were to have submitted this report  
11 to, say, the Social Security Administration they  
12 would have bounced it in a minute because the  
13 tracings weren't attached and no  
14 postbronchodilator studies were done and no note  
15 of cooperation was present? Right?

16 A I don't know if they would have bounced it, but  
17 I certainly feel like those would be appropriate  
18 things to have.

19 Q I mean I can show you the regulations and we can  
20 talk about it here.

21 MR. WATKINS: Oh, that's foolish.

22 Let's get on with it. Shit!

23 MR. McELVEEN: Mr. Watkins, please.

24 MR. WATKINS: I am getting a little  
25 bit miffed.



1 Q The fact is that these studies were not done the  
2 way you would like to have seen them done. Is  
3 that right?

4 MR. WATKINS: He has admitted that,  
5 J. C. I don't know how many times you  
6 want him to admit that.

7 MR. McELVEEN: I am going to stay on  
8 this one as long as I have to, sir. This  
9 is just prolonging things.

10 MR. WATKINS: We may just come to arms  
11 on this. I am getting tired of this. Now,  
12 put your question to him and I will tell  
13 him whether he can answer it.

14 Q All right, sir. The cardiopulmonary stress test  
15 that was done, was that done at the same time  
16 that the testing was done for the PFT's?

17 A You have already asked me that and the answer is  
18 yes.

19 Q And the answer is yes. Let me show you what we  
20 have obtained from your records with regard to  
21 the exercise stress test. Now, the date on that  
22 exercise stress test, I think your own records  
23 will reflect, is February the 9th, 1986. Is  
24 that correct?

25 A I believe so, yes, sir.

1 MR. WATKINS: February 10th, isn't it?  
2 A I think they put it down wrong here because it  
3 was done at the same time.  
4 Q So the date is a misprint.  
5 A I would agree with that.  
6 Q All right. Now, in that exercise stress test,  
7 there is sort of a cover sheet there that  
8 summarizes the study and then the underlying  
9 study is the values on up to the number of watts  
10 he got and the number of minutes he ran and so  
11 forth. First of all, he did that on a bicycle  
12 or goniometer, I believe. Right?  
13 A I think it was a bicycle, yes.  
14 Q Is it your experience that with a bicycle or  
15 goniometer that there is some -- that if people  
16 haven't ridden a bicycle much that they do more  
17 poorly on that test than if they have ridden a  
18 bicycle in their, you know, personal lives?  
19 A It depends on the directions and the tester, how  
20 hard they are driving them. I would guess if a  
21 person was a European bicycle champion and was  
22 proficient at pedaling, as opposed to some  
23 person who had never been on a bicycle, the mere  
24 performance of the test would probably be  
25 significantly different in the two not counting

1 any other factors.

2 Q Do you know whether Mr. Caballero ever rode a  
3 bicycle?

4 A No, I don't.

5 Q All right. Well, let me ask you this: There is  
6 a notation on there that the blood gases were  
7 measured through an ear oximeter. Do you see  
8 that?

9 A That's customary but I don't see it but I would  
10 certainly accept that as being standard  
11 procedure.

12 Q And the ear oximeter is just a little thing on  
13 your ear that measures the blood gases through  
14 your ear.

15 A That's correct.

16 Q Does that actually puncture your ear so that the  
17 the needle is in touch with the blood?

18 A No, it does not.

19 Q Okay. And the other way of measuring blood  
20 gases would be through the arterial  
21 catheterization, putting a needle in your arm.  
22 Right?

23 A Now, I believe that the arterial gases reported  
24 on the summary sheet are arterial sticks. The  
25 ear oximeter was only measuring minute to

- 1 minute.
- 2 Q Oh, okay. In your opinion, would the more
- 3 accurate measure be the drawing of blood from an
- 4 artery?
- 5 A Right. And I believe that that's what
- 6 MacDougall's exercise samples reflect.
- 7 Q Oh, okay. Now, there is something on there
- 8 called "minute ventilation"?
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q And minute ventilation is his ventilation per
- 11 minute in liters.
- 12 A That's correct.
- 13 Q Now, is that the same thing as MacDougall's
- 14 voluntary ventilation except measured a little
- 15 different way?
- 16 A It's measured a little differently, but I think
- 17 it reflects pretty much the same thing.
- 18 Q And on the cover sheet of this report, he has
- 19 said will you agree with me that his minute
- 20 ventilation was eighty-two liters a minute at
- 21 maximal exercise?
- 22 A I believe that's correct.
- 23 Q Okay. Now, that was actually pretty good.
- 24 A That was pretty good.
- 25 Q And it's quite a bit higher than was earlier

- 1           measured. Is that right?
- 2       A     I believe so.
- 3       Q     To what do you attribute his increased ability
- 4           to do that, if you will?
- 5       A     I don't have an answer.
- 6       Q     Okay. That would be inconsistent with severe
- 7           emphysema, though, wouldn't it or would it?
- 8       A     I am not certain. I would have to check on
- 9           that.
- 10      Q     Okay. Is there anything, Doctor, about the
- 11           exercise testing that was done down there, the
- 12           stress testing that you feel was not in keeping
- 13           with what you would have wanted them to do if
- 14           you had been down there and said, "Do it this
- 15           way"?
- 16      A     No.
- 17      Q     Okay. And just briefly to summarize, there were
- 18           some discrepancies, though, in the resting
- 19           pulmonary function testing.
- 20      A     As far as MVV and minute ventilation.
- 21      Q     Right. I understand, but I guess what I mean is
- 22           just in so far as the way the tests were
- 23           conducted, in other words, they didn't send you
- 24           the tracings and they didn't note his
- 25           cooperation and so forth.

- 1       A     That's correct.
- 2       Q     Okay. Now, the October 14th test that was done
- 3             does have a spirometric tracing, I believe, and
- 4             your records have it, and I will just show you
- 5             this.
- 6       A     That was done under our direct supervision.
- 7       Q     And that was done in Corpus Christi.
- 8             MR. WATKINS: That probably was not
- 9             the 14th.
- 10      Q     I'm sorry. You are absolutely right. It was
- 11             the 2nd. I'm sorry, sir. And I might just
- 12             mention to clear up for the record purposes, the
- 13             report that your partner submitted was dated the
- 14             3rd of October but his examination was
- 15             apparently the 2nd of October and that's why
- 16             everybody is getting confused about the 2nd and
- 17             3rd. In addition, did you do another
- 18             alpha 1-antitrypsin test here or was one done in
- 19             Corpus Christi?
- 20      A     One was done sometime in October to the best of
- 21             my recollection, yes, sir.
- 22      Q     What did that show?
- 23      A     It was normal.
- 24      Q     Why did you do it again?
- 25      A     Because I think initially I couldn't find the

- 1 slip from the first one, to be honest.
- 2 Q Okay. All right. So you did it again.
- 3 A I just wanted to be absolutely certain that I
- 4 had not overlooked anything other than cigarette
- 5 smoking to cause this man's pulmonary problems.
- 6 Q What significance, if any, is the difference in
- 7 result between the 240 or 280, I think, that he
- 8 had on the earlier test and the 350 now?
- 9 A They are both normal. As long as they are
- 10 within the range of normal, it's fine.
- 11 Q I mean do you see tests vary that much within
- 12 normal limits and so forth?
- 13 A Sure.
- 14 Q Okay. Now, when the testing was done down in
- 15 Corpus Christi and you reviewed it up here and
- 16 it showed a FEV1 of .8 liters, I believe, let me
- 17 stop right there. Was the testing that was done
- 18 by your office in Corpus, did they do the pre
- 19 and postbronchodilator test?
- 20 A Yes, they did.
- 21 Q All right. Did they note the patient's
- 22 cooperation anywhere to your knowledge, and it
- 23 may not be necessarily on that record. It may
- 24 just be somewhere else.
- 25 A I don't know if they noted it or not. I know

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1 the technician who performed this is a NIOSH  
2 certified respiratory therapy technician and the  
3 machine is a NIOSH-approved machine, because as  
4 opposed to the University of Texas testing, this  
5 was done directly under my supervision and  
6 control. And had there not been good patient  
7 cooperation, it would have been noted for sure.

8 Q Okay. The .8 liters of FEV1. You don't believe  
9 that clinically speaking that is a low enough  
10 value to suggest that the patient at least go on  
11 nighttime oxygen.

12 A He may be getting very near the time of taking  
13 nocturnal oxygen.

14 Q Okay. But you don't think the .8 liters is it,  
15 necessarily.

16 A You have to take other things into  
17 consideration. I am not sure if you are aware  
18 of the criteria for which many insurance  
19 companies or Medicare will pay for oxygen and  
20 that is that they require an oxygen below  
21 fifty-five in order to pay for it and it can be  
22 expensive, and with the FEV1 of 0.8 liters,  
23 sometimes they will pay for it with a resting  
24 oxygen above fifty-five, but you have to submit  
25 the lower exercise oxygen and the spirometry and



1 he -- it may certainly be in a situation -- I  
2 know it's been recommended that he come back  
3 ninety days after the last visit, so I would  
4 anticipate if he was seen in October we will see  
5 him after the first of the year, and if those  
6 values persist, then he will be recommended to  
7 be put on oxygen.

8 Q To your knowledge, were any arterial blood gases  
9 taken at the time in the October visit?

10 A They were not. I have knowledge that they were  
11 not.

12 Q Okay. With a resting FEV1 of .8 should they  
13 have been in your opinion?

14 A I think it probably would have been a good idea  
15 for us to have taken them. We just didn't.

16 Q No diffusion was done, I take it.

17 A That's correct. It's anticipated that this man  
18 will have complete studies done sometime in  
19 January, which will be a year roughly after the  
20 original study since the last ones were done in  
21 February, and at the time of the January  
22 testing, I am sure we will do diffuse and his  
23 blood gases and the total --

24 Q Are there any features about the patient that  
25 are more highly correlated than others with the

- 1 prognosis for how long he would live, if you
- 2 understand what I am saying?
- 3 A Yes. In the reading of the literature, I
- 4 believe the Burrows article which I cited and
- 5 other articles suggest that the FEV1 is the
- 6 single factor which most closely correlates with
- 7 life expectancy.
- 8 Q The FEV1 is?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. And so as that goes down, the life
- 11 expectancy goes down.
- 12 A That's correct.
- 13 Q Is there any information in the literature to
- 14 your knowledge that the survival rate in chronic
- 15 obstructive lung disease is related in any way
- 16 to pulmonary vascular resistance?
- 17 A I am sure that those articles exist. The
- 18 difference being that the FEV1 is much cheaper
- 19 and less painful and easier to test than is
- 20 pulmonary vascular resistance.
- 21 Q And you have not tested pulmonary vascular
- 22 resistance.
- 23 A Nor do I intend to.
- 24 Q So you don't know whether he has pulmonary
- 25 hypertension or not.

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- 1 A No, I don't.
- 2 Q Okay. Do you think that in this patient a
- 3 bullectomy, that is, remove of one or more
- 4 bullae would be medically indicated?
- 5 A No, definitely not.
- 6 Q Why not?
- 7 A Number one is I don't have any evidence that
- 8 those bullae are clearly compressing underlying
- 9 lung which is healthy lung. I am suspicious of
- 10 these increased markings in the lower lung
- 11 zones. Number two is that if his FEV1 remains
- 12 below 1.0, I think that any type of thoracic
- 13 surgery in his case will be more likely to be
- 14 detrimental than helpful and probably he would
- 15 not make it off the operating table or off a
- 16 respirator postoperatively. I would greatly
- 17 discourage any operative procedures in this man
- 18 unless there was some very clear-cut evidence of
- 19 resectable or treatable problem, and at this
- 20 time in this case I don't think the clinical
- 21 information points to that.
- 22 Q Do you believe that in any way either a CT scan
- 23 or regular tomograms of his lungs would help
- 24 elucidate whether he has resectable bullae?
- 25 A I think that they would -- I think that a CT

- 1 scan would help elucidate the size and extent  
2 of the bullae. I don't think it would tell you  
3 if they were resectable necessarily. It's  
4 possible that VQ scans with CT scan --
- 5 Q Just a moment. Ventilation perfusion lung  
6 scans?
- 7 A Right. Might give further information, but my  
8 clinical impression after taking care of an  
9 awful lot of people like this is that in only  
10 rare cases is bullectomy successful and this is  
11 not the type of case or the type of x-ray  
12 picture that I see that would respond to a  
13 bullous resection.
- 14 Q Do you think that a CT scan, for example, would  
15 help rule in or rule out whether the man had a  
16 substantial component of fibrosis?
- 17 A I don't think that it would add anything to the  
18 x-ray. I believe that the x-ray shows fibrosis,  
19 which I have pointed out. And I think that the  
20 CT scan would confirm it, but it's not going to  
21 tell you anything above and beyond, in my  
22 opinion, what you already have.
- 23 Q Do you think that a course of steroid medication  
24 would benefit this patient?
- 25 A No.

1 Q Why not?

2 A Several reasons. Number one is there is no  
3 evidence of any reversible airway obstruction or  
4 inflammation within the bronchial tubes. There  
5 is no wheezing. He doesn't have a lot of  
6 secretions or other evidence of inflammation  
7 that we would be trying to cool down. Number  
8 two is that I guess, oh, now it was eight, nine  
9 hours ago, earlier in the day when we began the  
10 deposition, someone asked me about how people  
11 die or how this man might die with his lung  
12 disease. About a third of the patients develop  
13 stress ulcers, and as a rule of thumb, I use  
14 steroids rather judiciously in COPD patients  
15 unless there is a very clear-cut indication, and  
16 in the absence of wheezing and in the absence of  
17 all the secretions, I don't think I could really  
18 in medical probability anticipate a beneficial  
19 result from steroids.

20 Q He has been noted from time to time in his  
21 records not to have taken his medications. Do  
22 you have any reason to believe that he is not  
23 taking what you prescribed for him?

24 A I have no knowledge. He may not be taking them.  
25 If he has been poorly compliant in the past, he

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1           may not be taking them now. However, as sick as  
2           he is, I think he is scared enough to do  
3           whatever he is supposed to do.  
4       Q     Would his failure to take his medications on a  
5           regular basis have any effect on his life span,  
6           do you think?  
7       A     I don't think so.  
8       Q     They obviously would have an effect, though, on  
9           the comfort, I guess, with which he lives out  
10          the rest of his life.  
11      A     That's right. I think it might affect his life  
12          comfort, but it won't affect life expectancy.  
13      Q     All right. You mentioned in your report that  
14          you thought that this man was in an increased  
15          risk of developing lung cancer. Do you have a  
16          percentage, if you will, of what you think the  
17          excess risk in this patient is?  
18      A     I can only say that I think that the excess risk  
19          is somewhere between ten and twelve to fifteen  
20          times maybe a nonsmoker and with a -- and that's  
21          really all I can say.  
22      Q     Is that another way of saying, if you will, that  
23          by virtue of this man having been a smoker, his  
24          risk is the same as smokers generally, not  
25          necessarily because he has got emphysema?

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1       A     That's correct. And also taking into account  
2             that he has at least a fifty-pack-year history  
3             by my compilations of smoking, which is a  
4             significant risk history for cancer.

5       Q     Do you think that his risk is going down now  
6             that he has stopped?

7       A     I believe so. Now, it won't -- Let me correct  
8             that. I don't think it is going down now. I  
9             think that it will go down after five years  
10            somewhat and it will go down significantly after  
11            fifteen years. Unfortunately I don't believe he  
12            is going to live to see the latter and I don't  
13            think he is going to live much beyond the  
14            five-year limit, if he lives that long.

15      Q     Yes. Do you believe that this man would benefit  
16             from respiratory muscle training?

17      A     Once again, the studies that have been done on  
18             pulmonary rehabilitation, and we have a  
19             pulmonary rehab program at our hospital called  
20             the PEP program which stands for pulmonary  
21             education program and in setting it up, it would  
22             appear that quality of life is improved and  
23             possibly frequency of hospital admissions is  
24             reduced, but that length of survival is probably  
25             not altered through the muscle training and the

1 rehabilitation programs.

2 Q If you were to put him on a rehabilitation  
3 regimen, what would you put him to doing?

4 A Oh, I think that really all that he could be put  
5 to doing would be some form of increased  
6 exercise or walking program to improve his  
7 general conditioning. He has no secretions at  
8 this time or cough so that postural drainage is  
9 not going to be much of a drainage to him or  
10 benefit to him. He has already stopped smoking  
11 so that no longer is an option for improving his  
12 status. He is not retaining fluids so diuretics  
13 are no use. He is not wheezing so further  
14 bronchodilators are of no use. He has no  
15 evidence of an inflammatory process that  
16 steroids would help, so really from a  
17 rehabilitation standpoint, he might benefit from  
18 breathing exercises such as pursed-lip  
19 breathing, abdominal breathing, possibly some  
20 just getting him to walk or climb stairs at a  
21 slow pace to improve his general conditioning  
22 and reduce oxygen consumption, but I think that  
23 the benefits are going to be very marginal in  
24 this case because unfortunately there is not  
25 much that's reversible.

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1 Q Do you think that he could be rehabilitated so  
2 that he could walk farther with less effort?

3 A I think through the use of supplemental oxygen  
4 if he wore, for example, a Lindy Walker or one  
5 of the liquid oxygen systems, that he could walk  
6 farther through the use -- with the use of  
7 supplemental oxygen. I think it's unlikely he  
8 is going to change significantly just with  
9 exercise alone.

10 Q As of this last time that you saw him, what did  
11 you prescribe for him?

12 A I believe that he was kept on the same  
13 bronchodilator medications.

14 Q Okay. If you were going to perform any further  
15 testing on this man that you wanted to or could,  
16 would you perform any additional tests on this  
17 man at this point in time to elucidate in your  
18 mind what he had or what the relative  
19 contributions of what he does have make to his  
20 pulmonary function reduction?

21 A That's a multi-part question. First of all, I  
22 think that I am going to request and have  
23 requested that he have repeat pulmonary function  
24 studies performed sometime around the first  
25 anniversary of the original studies, which would

1 be -- I am anticipating January of this year. I  
2 think that more for medical-legal than treatment  
3 reasons a CT scan of the chest may be of benefit  
4 to better outline the presence of bullae or  
5 blood formation than can just be seen on x-ray.  
6 I don't think it's going to tell us anything  
7 about his fibrosis.

8 The issue of allergy testing was raised.  
9 Once again, I do not believe it is going to  
10 impact one way or the other on his management  
11 since he does not really project any of the  
12 allergic symptoms within the chest that one  
13 might hope to treat. However, if it is going  
14 to be raised as an issue in questioning the  
15 diagnosis, I feel it will be a disservice to  
16 him not to prove to all concerned that it is  
17 not an issue, and if that's what it will take  
18 to make everybody happy, then that's what will  
19 probably be done.

20 MR. WATKINS: You won't make them  
21 happy. Forget that.

22 Q All right, sir.

23 MR. WATKINS: The more light you shine  
24 in their eyes, the blinder they become,  
25 like a Louisiana coot owl.

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1 MR. McELVEEN: On that note I am just  
2 wondering if we could take a very short  
3 break. I really am, as it seems, almost  
4 through.

5 MR. WATKINS: Good. Let's make it  
6 short.

7 (Break.)

8 Q Back on the record. Just as a housekeeping  
9 matter, I believe that we have earlier  
10 indicated, Doctor, that we were going to ask  
11 that one page of your record which was filled  
12 out by Mr. Caballero be marked as Exhibit 11. I  
13 would ask that be marked at this point in time.

14 (Friedman Exhibit No. 11 was marked  
15 for identification by the reporter.)

16 Q Now, Doctor, I believe you have earlier  
17 indicated this, but Exhibit 11 plus Exhibit 4  
18 represents everything that you or Mr. Caballero  
19 wrote. Is that correct?

20 A Yes, sir, to the best of my knowledge, and let  
21 the record show that I gave my entire chart in  
22 its entirety to Mr. Atlas, one of the defense  
23 attorneys, to review, so anything that's there  
24 has been handed to you.

25 MR. WATKINS: And were reproduced.

1 Q Right. Doctor, let me show you just very  
2 briefly something that was filled out at least  
3 initially for Mr. Caballero on 10-2. Is that  
4 your form for physical examination in your  
5 office?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q There are the categories of person, as it were,  
8 that you have choices for are what there?

9 A Caucasion, black and Hispanic.

10 Q Okay. And is there any particular reason why  
11 you separate out Hispanics from Caucasians or  
12 blacks or why you make a notation of whether a  
13 person is Hispanic or not?

14 A Only from the standpoint that we are involved in  
15 some epidemiologic studies with the thing I had  
16 mentioned with the asbestos study where it's  
17 requested that we have a standard physical  
18 examination form and it can easily be entered  
19 for any type of demographic studies or  
20 epidemiologic study that if we ever wanted to  
21 put people into a computer through the School of  
22 Public Health, that all of the information that  
23 we need for the physical examination is  
24 contained on this standard form.

25 Q Okay.

1       A     And this was not prepared just for  
2             Mr. Caballero. It's just standard.

3       Q     Okay. And so there is nothing in the fact of a  
4             person being Hispanic that would result in any --  
5             I mean that you would look at any different  
6             factors.

7       A     No, sir.

8       Q     Okay. Now, Doctor, you testified some today  
9             about your view with regard to how it is in your  
10            opinion cigarette smoking causes emphysema.  
11            Now, I want to talk to you briefly about that,  
12            if I may. First of all, I want to ask you if  
13            you have had occasion to read an article, again,  
14            that's in the AMERICAN REVIEW OF RESPIRATORY  
15            DISEASE and which is a State Of The Art article  
16            in 1985 entitled "Elastasis and Emphysema, by  
17            Dr. Aaron Janoff."

18      A     No, I have not read this.

19      Q     Do you know of Dr. Janoff?

20      A     No, I do not.

21      Q     All right. I am going to, if I may, just read  
22             you a couple of comments and ask you to comment  
23             on them from this report. And the first one  
24             now, and I am going to try to read these sort of  
25             slow into the record, the first comment that

1 Dr. Janoff makes is on Page 418 of that article.  
 2 He says, "Thus the protease-antiprotease  
 3 imbalance hypothesis grew largely out of  
 4 circumstantial evidence derived either from  
 5 animal models of the disease induced by  
 6 elastolytic proteases or from a small proportion  
 7 of patients with emphysema whose disease was  
 8 genetically linked to a deficiency of  
 9 antielastase." Now, first of all, you agree  
 10 with that. To the extent you know it, do you  
 11 agree with it?

12 A I have not -- I am not familiar with the article  
 13 and I can't agree or disagree.

14 Q Okay. Let me, but the deficiency of  
 15 antielastase would be the alpha 1-antitrypsin  
 16 deficiency, isn't it?

17 A Yes, that is a deficiency of antielastase.

18 Q The next sentence which I will ask you to  
 19 comment on and agree or disagree is, "In the  
 20 majority of patients, however,  
 21 protease-antiprotease imbalance is not readily  
 22 evident, and should it be present, its origins  
 23 would be difficult to explain on the basis of  
 24 presently available facts." Did you agree that  
 25 at least most of the patients you see have no

1 deficiency in their or imbalance in their  
2 protease-antiprotease?

3 A I would agree that it is not measurable in the  
4 bloodstream. I do not agree that it is not  
5 measurable at the cellular level in the lung  
6 where it may be taking place. We just don't  
7 know.

8 Q Okay. And you, yourself, of course, have not  
9 done any studies with regard to measuring it at  
10 the cellular level.

11 A That's correct.

12 Q Let me read this statement: "Because most of  
13 these patients are smokers, it has been  
14 suggested that smoking may elevate the lungs'  
15 elastase burden and/or depress the function of  
16 lung elastase inhibitors." And that's, I  
17 believe, what you have said is your theory of or  
18 your opinion as to how the disease is caused.  
19 Right?

20 A That's the opinion put forth in the -- I'm sorry --  
21 in the Surgeon General's Report and one that is  
22 commonly espoused, yes, sir.

23 Q Okay. And the one that you adopt.

24 A That's correct.

25 Q Okay. The next sentence, though, I want to ask

1 if you agree or disagree with: "Yet the  
2 majority of smokers do not develop clinically  
3 evident emphysema in their lifetimes." Do you  
4 agree with that?

5 A I agree with that.

6 Q "The one figure that has been used in various  
7 places is that approximately ten to fifteen  
8 percent of smokers develop clinically evident  
9 emphysema in their lifetime." Do you agree with  
10 that number or do you --

11 A I have heard the number fifteen percent and I  
12 would have no quarrel with that number.

13 Q Okay.

14 MR. TOWNSLEY: Fifteen percent develop  
15 what stage of emphysema?

16 Q Clinically evident, which is the term I have  
17 used, and that's, of course, the term you agreed  
18 with. I am not trying to trick you here. I am  
19 trying to read a petition here. The author goes  
20 on to note as follows again on Page 418:

21 "Chronic cigarette smoke exposure alone has not  
22 been employed with uniform success as a means of  
23 producing emphysema in laboratory animals." Do  
24 you agree or disagree with that or have any --

25 A That statement is a contradiction to the



1           opinions voiced in that identical journal in the  
2           American Thoracic Society statement on smoking  
3           where laboratory studies were cited as being  
4           conclusive in establishing a cause and effect  
5           relationship or causality.

6       Q     Well, okay, so you disagree with that statement.

7       A     In citing the reference from that exact same  
8           journal and that reference was adopted by the  
9           executive board of the American Thoracic  
10          Society, whereas I am not sure about this one.

11      Q     Okay. Well, I believe you described what State  
12          Of The Art articles are and I will represent to  
13          you that this is a State Of The Art article from --

14      A     May I have one moment to look at it, because I  
15          have not seen it before?

16      Q     Sure.

17      A     I would like to see exactly what he set out to  
18          do and what his conclusions are.

19      Q     Yes, that's where I was quoting from. Go ahead  
20          and take a look at that. Sure.

21      A     Thank you.

22                   MR. HANKS: J. C, is this the  
23                   Dr. Janoff who received several times money  
24                   from The Council for Tobacco Research?

25                   MR. McELVEEN: Well, as Mr. Bleakley

1           said. I believe that one advantage of doing  
2           a deposition is I get to ask the witness  
3           questions and I don't interchange between  
4           the lawyers and myself.

5           MR. HANKS: What's this Dr. Janoff's  
6           first name?

7           MR. McELVEEN: Aaron.

8           MR. WATKINS: That's the same one.

9           (Break.)

10          MR. TOWNSLEY: Seriously, don't you  
11          think you ought to identify this writer as  
12          having received tobacco industry money if  
13          you are proposing him as an authority as  
14          far as the identity of the person?

15          MR. McELVEEN: Mr. Townsley, I believe  
16          that the deposition of the doctor is  
17          exactly that. I am asking questions and he  
18          is answering them and I believe that that  
19          is the way it goes. And I believe that's  
20          the way you would agree it would go.

21          MR. TOWNSLEY: No, I think only out of  
22          fairness if he is somebody that's being  
23          funded by the tobacco industry that it  
24          ought to be conceded, since you are asking  
25          questions about just select parts in a

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1           rather long article.

2           MR. McELVEEN: The doctor has the  
3           article in its entirety to review, so if he  
4           has other comments to make, he may if he  
5           wishes.

6                           (Break.)

7           MR. WATKINS: On the record, I think  
8           we are making a mountain out of a mole  
9           hill. The doctor is just earning his  
10          grant.

11                          (Break.)

12    A    I have now had an opportunity to review an  
13          article called "State Of The Art, Elastases and  
14          Emphysema." I have spent about between five and  
15          ten minutes of just skimming this rather lengthy  
16          twelve-page article which is also quite  
17          complicated. I have only read portions of it  
18          and have come to the following opinions in  
19          regard to it --

20    Q    Well, I don't believe any question is pending,  
21          Doctor, except do you agree that there is no  
22          satisfactory animal model of emphysema with the  
23          use of cigarette smoke alone? Is your answer to  
24          that "yes" or "no" having reviewed the article?

25    A    I don't know the specific answer to that from

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1 looking through the article or that your  
2 question can't be directly answered based upon  
3 the article.

4 Q Okay. Well, then, if I may, sir, get the  
5 article back and ask you this question and that  
6 is: When was the American Thoracic Society  
7 statement that you referred to earlier with  
8 regard to "Cigarette Smoking and Emphysema, A  
9 Causation," printed in the AMERICAN REVIEW? Was  
10 that 1983?

11 A I believe it was '84.

12 Q Okay.

13 MR. TOWNSLEY: Let me ask you: Has  
14 that been given an exhibit number?

15 MR. McELVEEN: No, because I was just  
16 reading from it. I wasn't going to offer  
17 it.

18 MR. TOWNSLEY: I think we ought to go  
19 ahead and have it marked and attached to  
20 the deposition, whether it's an exhibit or  
21 not. It has been asked questions in  
22 reference to it. You have read from it. I  
23 think it ought to be put in the deposition.

24 MR. McELVEEN: Just a moment.

25 (Discussion between Mr. McElveen and

1 and Mr. Stuhan out of the hearing of  
2 the reporter.)

3 MR. McELVEEN: I believe at the moment  
4 that we will not offer this as an exhibit.

5 MR. TOWNSLEY: I don't think you ought  
6 to be asking questions about something you  
7 are not willing to attach to the  
8 deposition.

9 MR. McELVEEN: Mr. Townsley, you, in  
10 all likelihood, have asked questions from a  
11 lot of sources, you have never offered as  
12 exhibits in trial.

13 MR. TOWNSLEY: I think it's  
14 ridiculous.

15 MR. HANKS: Why don't you just let us  
16 make a copy and we won't attach it?

17 MR. McELVEEN: I certainly have no  
18 problem with that. It's a part of the  
19 public literature.

20 MR. HANKS: Well, you have it right  
21 here.

22 MR. McELVEEN: I have my copy marked  
23 up and that is in my opinion work product.

24 MR. HANKS: That's just underlined.

25 MR. McELVEEN: I am claiming work

1 product here. Would you like to dispute  
2 that?

3 MR. WATKINS: Just put it away. Don't  
4 ask any more questions from that.

5 MR. McELVEEN: Are you going to direct  
6 him not to answer?

7 MR. WATKINS: You goddamn right. You  
8 better believe it. I will get to the  
9 bottom of that right quick.

10 Q Let me, if I may, Doctor, refer you to the 1984  
11 Surgeon General's Report. Are you familiar with  
12 that document?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q And I believe you referred to it in your prior  
15 testimony. On Page 277 of the 1984 Surgeon  
16 General's Report there is a statement which I  
17 will be glad to show you and let me read it to  
18 you first, though: "However, an animal model  
19 for the development of emphysema using the  
20 inhalation of cigarette smoke alone has not been  
21 convincingly demonstrated." Do you have any  
22 reason to disagree with that?

23 A No.

24 Q All right, sir. Now, Doctor --

25 A Other than what I have already cited.

- 1 Q Right. I understand that. Doctor, let me ask  
2 you this question: I believe that in one of  
3 your earlier comments to Mr. Bleakley, you  
4 indicated that the probable source of some of  
5 these elastases, the substances that destroy the  
6 elastin in the lung and broke down the lung were  
7 leukocytes and neutrophils and other cells that  
8 would come in and sort of scavenge particles in  
9 the lung. Is that your testimony?
- 10 A I believe that's the source, yes.
- 11 Q Okay. Is there a very large production of  
12 neutrophils and leukocytes in the lung in lobar  
13 pneumonia?
- 14 A Yes, there is.
- 15 Q All right. To your knowledge, has a past  
16 history of lobar pneumonia ever been associated  
17 with the development of emphysema?
- 18 A No, not to the best of my knowledge.
- 19 Q All right. The leukocytes and neutrophils and  
20 so forth that come and scavenge up particles in  
21 the lung that might be produced by cigarette  
22 smoke, for example, would presumably go anywhere  
23 the cigarette smoke goes. Is that your belief?
- 24 A I would assume that they would go wherever the  
25 smoke goes.

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1 Q Yet emphysema as it occurs in smokers is  
2 primarily an upper lobe disease, isn't it?

3 A It's certainly worse in the upper lobes.

4 Q Why is that?

5 A I don't know.

6 Q Okay. Now, Doctor, let me ask you just a few  
7 more questions and then I think, indeed, I may  
8 well be finished. The first one is you have  
9 indicated to Mr. Bleakley that you did not think  
10 that the steam accident that occurred to  
11 Mr. Caballero back when he was in the military  
12 had anything to do with the development of his  
13 emphysema. Let me ask you one more question  
14 along those lines and that is: Do you believe  
15 that steam injuries can, in fact, cause lung  
16 damage?

17 A I --

18 MR. WATKINS: You mean on a single,  
19 isolated instance like that?

20 Q Well, a single instance of a steam inhalation.

21 A I would think not and hope not from the  
22 standpoint that steam -- and anybody who has had  
23 a kid who is sick and ever used a humidifier or  
24 steam tent, then that means that we have been  
25 doing more harm than good all these years in



- 1 medicine and we continue to recommend steam  
2 inhalation, so I would hope that steam, which is  
3 just water vapor, is not harmful.
- 4 Q Would you believe that the temperature of the  
5 steam in a given case might have an effect on  
6 that?
- 7 A If there was evidence of thermal burn to the  
8 trachea and to the windpipe and to the back of  
9 the throat, which I found no evidence of in  
10 reviewing these records, I would say absolutely  
11 not. If you are talking about thermal burn,  
12 then that's another issue, and I have taken care  
13 of plenty of burn patients with inhalation of  
14 hot gases, but a steam injury has occurred here  
15 with no evidence of burning back in the pharynx,  
16 larynx, trachea. I would say absolutely not.
- 17 Q Do you believe, Doctor, that nitrogen dioxide  
18 inhalation can cause emphysema?
- 19 A It can.
- 20 Q Okay.
- 21 A I'm sorry. I believe it can cause bronchitis or  
22 bronchiolitis. I am not sure it causes  
23 emphysema.
- 24 Q Okay. So it can cause a chronic obstructive  
25 change in the lung, I guess. Is that what you

1 are saying?

2 A In high concentrations, yes, sir.

3 Q Okay. And do you know whether any of the  
4 exposures that Mr. Caballero had exposed him to  
5 nitrogen dioxide in any concentrations?

6 A I am not -- I don't want to say "any  
7 concentrations," but I am not aware of any  
8 significant exposures to nitrogen dioxide in  
9 high concentrations which he has had.

10 Q If Mr. Caballero were to have worked over gas  
11 stoves in the military, and I believe that  
12 Mr. Watkins indicated that he may not have, but  
13 if he did, in your opinion would a gas stove put  
14 out any nitrogen dioxide or do you know?

15 A Any flame will -- Any extreme temperature, and  
16 it has to be a very high temperature, will unite  
17 oxygen in the air with nitrogen in the air to  
18 form nitrogen dioxide, but that's a very common  
19 phenomena in low concentrations for which no  
20 adverse effects are known. The only places I  
21 have seen high concentrations of nitrogen  
22 dioxide are two places that I am familiar with.  
23 One is in welders where you have a twelve or  
24 fourteen-hundred-degree welding arc producing  
25 nitrogen dioxide, and the other was during the

1 Challenger Space Shuttle reentry with some word  
2 that came from NASA was during reentry high  
3 temperatures were generated and nitrogen dioxide  
4 entered the capsule and there were some fleeting  
5 pulmonary changes in the lungs of the  
6 astronauts, but that's the only two instances I  
7 am aware of other than direct occupational  
8 exposure.

9 Q You took no history of Mr. Caballero that he was  
10 a welder nor do you have any reason to believe  
11 that he ever welded.

12 A To the best of my knowledge, no.

13 Q Did you take any history or have any reason to  
14 believe that he ever worked around welders, for  
15 example, when he was rigging iron?

16 A It's possible that he could have but I have done  
17 a lot of work with welders, and unless a man is  
18 welding, doing the welding himself and directly  
19 in the plume of the smoke near the rod, the  
20 levels of nitrogen dioxide are off dramatically  
21 at short radiuses from the tip of the welding  
22 rod.

23 Q I understand that earlier you have ruled out in  
24 your opinion and said why you ruled out that the  
25 being struck by the calf when he was bulldogging

1 the calf in the truck caused any bullous changes  
2 in the lung, but do you believe that trauma can  
3 induce a bullous change in the lung under any  
4 circumstances?

5 A Oh, I wouldn't -- The term "under any  
6 circumstances," is so vague I wouldn't be able  
7 to respond to it, but I will say in fourteen  
8 years of practice I have never seen a bullous  
9 change traumatically induced. I am not ruling  
10 out the possibility that there is some  
11 hypothetical situation it could occur in. I  
12 definitely do not think that a bullous change in  
13 the top of this man's lung on both sides would  
14 be the result of a traumatic injury to one side  
15 which was low down at the level of the eleventh  
16 rib. That would be nonsense.

17 Q You mentioned in your report of February the  
18 10th, I believe, that the occupational history  
19 included exposure to some dust and some dust, I  
20 guess. And if you want to make reference to  
21 that, you are welcome to. I am not trying to  
22 put words in your mouth, but are there --

23 A Well, do you remember under what circumstance?

24 Q I was just looking at the occupational history  
25 generally, I think, the one that you did.

1       A       I don't remember.

2                       MR. WATKINS: I don't remember any  
3                       reference to dust.

4       Q       Let's see. He only did dirt work. I'm sorry.  
5               Dirt work, was not exposed to asbestos or other  
6               pulmonary damaging materials. What other  
7               pulmonary damaging materials would you have been  
8               looking for besides asbestos under those  
9               circumstances?

10      A       Silica, Talc.

11      Q       Are those the only two?

12      A       (Nodding affirmatively.)

13      Q       And you did not find either of those. Right?

14      A       That's correct.

15      Q       Later on in that October report, I believe that  
16               you went back and -- Just a moment, if I may --  
17               made a notation of toxic fumes or gases. What  
18               toxic fumes or gases are you attempting to rule  
19               out in October?

20      A       Oh, any exposure to high levels of chlorine or  
21               ammonia would have been the -- chlorine, ammonia  
22               and phosgene would have been the three toxic  
23               gases of greatest concern.

24      Q       Okay. And what kind of lung injury would those  
25               produce? Would they produce emphysematous

1 changes?

2 A I think just for the record that it's my opinion  
3 this man has chronic obstructive lung disease  
4 with changes in addition to emphysema, although  
5 emphysema in all probability is present. I am  
6 concerned about other small airway type diseases  
7 and obstructive lung disease in this gentleman  
8 that we talked about at length. I don't want to  
9 ever have it misunderstood that I have only  
10 said he has emphysema, and for that reason, I  
11 inquired as to chlorine and ammonia which can  
12 cause permanent small airway injury when present  
13 in very high concentration.

14 Q You also mentioned in your October note, "No  
15 pesticide exposure." What kind of pesticide  
16 exposure would produce lung injury and of what  
17 type would that be?

18 A Oh, I had inquired to pesticides because of the  
19 general store. I am not even sure. I was just  
20 going to check and make sure that there were no  
21 organo-phosphates or other pesticides which  
22 although it would be unlikely to cause pulmonary  
23 injury, might cause a sensation of weakness or  
24 other problems that might impact upon  
25 respiratory function.

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1 Q You mentioned something that raises a question  
2 in my mind and that is you have ruled out, I  
3 believe, a genetic component to his lung  
4 disease. Is that right?

5 A As best I can through obtaining a thorough  
6 family history and the alpha 1 screening.

7 Q Okay. Aside from the alpha 1-antitrypsin  
8 deficiency, which are you saying that that is a  
9 genetic predetermination?

10 A Correct.

11 Q Okay. Aside from that, do you believe that  
12 genetic factors play a role in the development  
13 of emphysema?

14 A I don't know. Other than alpha 1, I don't have --  
15 and I might -- Once again, I know we have talked  
16 or at least you have tried to steer me toward  
17 emphysema all day, and I want to get back to  
18 talking about things like cystic fibrosis and  
19 diseases that relate to other chronic lung  
20 conditions in the form of COPD, because I just  
21 want to say that those diseases can be genetic  
22 and can cause chronic obstructive lung disease,  
23 and I have to the best of my ability ruled those  
24 out historically and through all medical  
25 probability in this man. I want to make it very

1 clear that I do not intend to limit myself to a  
2 discussion of only emphysema when I present what  
3 chronic obstructive lung disease is in this  
4 case.

5 Q You mentioned that his mother had died of  
6 cardiovascular disease. His father apparently  
7 was still alive. Did you take any history of  
8 what disease processes his father has had over  
9 the years?

10 A His father is still going at age eighty-one and  
11 I did not inquire as to any disease process  
12 because he was described as hale and hearty at  
13 this time, and I assumed whatever they were,  
14 they must have been fairly trivial.

15 Q Okay.

16 MR. WATKINS: If he is still running  
17 that store, J. C. --

18 Q If you had inquired a little further into the  
19 history beyond the parents, say, and had  
20 concluded that a couple of aunts in addition to  
21 the mother had died of some type of  
22 cardiovascular disease, would that change your  
23 opinion in any way as to whether this man might  
24 have some element of cardiovascular disease  
25 contributing to his pulmonary function



1           abnormalities?

2       A     Definitely not.

3       Q     Okay. Any reason for that?

4       A     Sure. A lot of reasons. Number one is his  
5           electrocardiogram shows no evidence whatsoever  
6           of any ischemic heart disease in my opinion, and  
7           I believe it's been read by other physicians  
8           similarly. Number two is his chest x-ray shows  
9           the heart to be vertical and small. It is not  
10          enlarged nor has any other physician ever  
11          suggested it was enlarged. Number three is he  
12          has absolutely no history of angina pectoris,  
13          has no prior history of myocardial infarction or  
14          any other cardiac manifestations of the type  
15          which would be seen with atherosclerotic heart  
16          disease, which would be the only disease  
17          suggested by such a family history as you have  
18          put forward. In the absence of clinical  
19          symptoms, in the absence of findings, in the  
20          absence of EKG and x-ray evidence, I feel that  
21          there is absolutely nothing to suggest heart  
22          disease in this man and certainly his heart  
23          disease would not cause the pulmonary function  
24          abnormalities seen at Audie Murphy, at Hermann,  
25          at our laboratory, even the studies submitted by

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1 Dr. MacDougall.

2 Q Okay. If further examination into -- You  
3 mentioned he had one other brother with asthma.

4 A Right.

5 Q If further examination into his family revealed  
6 other relatives of, I guess, a second degree as  
7 opposed to first-degree relatives --  
8 First-degree relatives are parents and children.  
9 Right?

10 A I assume.

11 Q And second-degree relatives are everybody else.  
12 Assume that for the moment, because I am not  
13 positive, revealed that other relatives besides  
14 his parents or his children had had asthma  
15 problems, in addition to his brother. Would  
16 that affect in any way your opinion with regard  
17 to whether this man might have some genetic  
18 component of pulmonary disease?

19 A Let me answer that in two ways. Number one is I  
20 would have to know specifically which of these  
21 removed relatives you are speaking. For  
22 example, if it was his wife's nephew's brother,  
23 no. And number two is if there was a family  
24 history of asthma, then it might explain to me  
25 why this man was more susceptible to the harmful

1 effects of cigarette smoke and became injured by  
2 the cigarettes, because certainly there must be  
3 some degree of individual susceptibility. But  
4 it certainly, if anything, would help strengthen  
5 the position that cigarettes were an injurious  
6 factor in this case.

7 Q We talked a little earlier about whether you  
8 were going to -- I mean the types of tests you  
9 might run at the beginning of the year, the  
10 beginning of 1987. Had you planned to run any  
11 tests with regard to his cardiovascular function  
12 either right or left-sided?

13 A No.

14 Q Okay. It's your opinion, I take it, that you  
15 don't need to do that because that's not the  
16 cause of his problem, at least left-sided heart  
17 problems.

18 A Well, let me just say I don't think I need to do  
19 some of the other tests that we may do but they  
20 are not painful and they are not dangerous, and  
21 if it is necessary to do that from a  
22 medical-legal standpoint, they will be done. I  
23 would not subject this man to anything that you  
24 might be suggesting at this point in time,  
25 whether it helps his lawsuit or not. I don't

- 1           care. I think that's going too far.
- 2       Q     Subjecting him to anything?
- 3       A     Like cardiac catheterization, and in my opinion
- 4           there is absolutely no evidence of any cardiac
- 5           disease in this patient, and I feel so secure in
- 6           that that I can support that without doing
- 7           anything further.
- 8       Q     Okay. You noted earlier in your testimony that
- 9           one of the things you picked up in reviewing the
- 10          records was an early history of some type of
- 11          recurrent kidney problems which were called back
- 12          then acute nephrotic hemorrhagic nephritis, I
- 13          guess -- acute hemorrhagic nephritis.
- 14       A     (Nodding affirmatively.)
- 15       Q     There are, I believe you would agree, certain
- 16          kidney problems which can result in pulmonary
- 17          manifestations.
- 18       A     That's correct.
- 19       Q     In your opinion, could any of his pulmonary
- 20          problems be related to that old recurrent kidney
- 21          problem?
- 22       A     The answer is no. And the reason is that,
- 23          number one, I would have expected the kidney
- 24          problem to have caused persistent and much
- 25          greater difficulties at the time and would have

1 expected the pulmonary symptoms to be  
2 accompanying it at the time of the initial  
3 kidney problems in all medical probability.  
4 Number two is those diseases such as the ones  
5 that come to mind would be Goodpasture's  
6 syndrome, Wegener's granulomatosis are of such  
7 dire illness that the survival rate often is  
8 less than a year, and number three is that I am  
9 not aware of any renal diseases classified as  
10 hemorrhagic nephritis associated with emphysema,  
11 bullous emphysema or airway obstruction. Most  
12 of them have infiltrates seen in the lung and  
13 may cause a restrictive pattern but don't cause  
14 these type of pulmonary function tests. And,  
15 finally, to the best of my knowledge, he is  
16 having no kidney problems at this time but  
17 certainly now that I have this knowledge I will  
18 recheck his urine because that won't be too  
19 painful for him.

20 Q You mentioned, though you said you were  
21 specifically not saying that you thought he had  
22 it, but one of the descriptions of the sort of  
23 acute exacerbation of a -- I'm sorry. Could we  
24 go off the record just one second?

25 (Discussion off the record.)

1 Q You mentioned earlier in your testimony, Doctor,  
2 that one possible explanation for transient  
3 cor pulmonale or right-sided heart failure would  
4 be pulmonary embolism or pulmonary emboli which  
5 subsequently cleared and that is, I take it,  
6 blood clots in the lung from some other source.

7 A That's correct.

8 Q Do you believe that this patient has ever had  
9 pulmonary emboli?

10 A No, sir. I may have been unclear in my  
11 presentation. I only used that as an example to  
12 show that you can have transient right-sided  
13 heart failure that would come and go, not come  
14 and stay. I believe I also cited at that time a  
15 more probable explanation would be either  
16 bronchospasm or some other intrinsic pulmonary  
17 problem which would be reversible and cause him  
18 to go into the right-sided heart failure as  
19 manifested by the nine millimeter -- I'm sorry --  
20 nine centimeter elevation of JVP and possible  
21 gallop as described at that time. And the  
22 embolus was only used as an illustration that  
23 you can have increased strain on the right side  
24 of the heart which is temporary and does not  
25 necessarily last forever.

1 Q Doctor, in your October 14th, 1986, report, you  
2 indicate that the patient denied ever having had  
3 whooping cough, diphtheria or other major  
4 childhood illnesses. Do you believe that  
5 whooping cough or diphtheria or some of the major  
6 childhood illness could predispose or cause  
7 pulmonary disease in later life?

8 A In a limited way, yes. In regard to this case,  
9 there is evidence that those persons who sustain  
10 pediatric pulmonary injury of a significant  
11 magnitude are far more sensitive to the later  
12 effects of cigarette smoking and are more  
13 probable to develop progressive pulmonary  
14 dysfunction than are adults who have not had  
15 such injury. And that is one of the reasons I  
16 obtained the information.

17 Q Are people who have had repeat pulmonary  
18 infections, say, or whooping cough when they  
19 were children and who do not smoke more at risk  
20 for developing pulmonary disease?

21 A I believe so.

22 Q Okay.

23 A If it was a bad whooping cough, they may have  
24 bronchiectasis or some other disease. It's  
25 certainly a possibility.

- 1 Q Okay. And in your opinion does this patient
- 2 have any component of bronchiectasis?
- 3 A Not that I can see, sir. And on auscultation I
- 4 don't hear anything that in my opinion is
- 5 bronchiectasis.
- 6 Q All right, sir. What would you hear if it were,
- 7 if you don't --
- 8 A Usually there are a lot of rhonchi and a lot of
- 9 secretions and mucus production and just a lot
- 10 of different pulmonary findings that we see
- 11 here. This man's lungs are relatively silent
- 12 when you listen to them.
- 13 Q All right, sir. Dr. Friedman, do you believe
- 14 that in light of the x-ray evidence of bullae
- 15 that you believe are there on his chest films
- 16 that this patient is more likely to have
- 17 centrilobular emphysema or panacinar emphysema
- 18 or do you?
- 19 A I don't know.
- 20 Q Okay. Are bullae associated with one or the
- 21 other more strongly than the other, I guess?
- 22 A I believe they are more associated with
- 23 panacinar, I believe.
- 24 Q So in the absence of pathology, you wouldn't
- 25 want to state for certain but would you say that



1 on a balance it's more likely he has panacinar  
2 emphysema?

3 A I don't know.

4 MR. McELVEEN: Okay. Can we have just  
5 a minute, gentlemen, and we may be about  
6 through?

7 MR. HANKS: Before we get away, just  
8 give me the cite, if you can, of that?

9 MR. McELVEEN: That State of Art  
10 article.

11 MR. HANKS: If there is a note on it.

12 MR. McELVEEN: Off the record here a  
13 second.

14 (Discussion off the record.)

15 Q Dr. Friedman, my final very short series of  
16 questions regards your fees for testifying and  
17 looking at records and so forth. Could I ask  
18 you, sir, what you charge for the review of  
19 records in a case of this sort?

20 A \$200 an hour for my time.

21 Q And could you tell us if that is the same rate  
22 that you charge for this deposition, for  
23 example?

24 A No.

25 Q Okay. What would that fee be?

1       A       \$400 an hour.

2       Q       Okay. And if you testify at trial in a case of

3               this sort, what would your fee be?

4       A       The same thing, \$400 an hour.

5       Q       And do you charge any kind of minimum like for a

6               day's worth of time if you are out of the office

7               part of the day and so forth?

8       A       Yes, I believe we have an -- If it's out of

9               town, it's an eight-hour minimum because we are

10              gone for the whole day.

11      Q       Okay. And when you say an eight-hour minimum,

12              that means that it could be longer than that on

13              a maximum rate.

14      A       Well, if we are gone for more than one day.

15      Q       But it's eight hours a day. It's \$3,200 a day

16              basically for out-of-town work.

17      A       Except for today because for the record we

18              started -- We were supposed to start at 9:00

19              o'clock this morning and it's now 9:00 o'clock

20              roughly at night so it's going to be --

21      Q       I understand for work actually done you charge

22              \$400 an hour.

23      A       It's only for work done. That's right.

24      Q       But if you, like, testify in court for six hours

25              or something, you bill the minimum of eight but

1           that's it.

2       A     That's it.

3       Q     Okay. For out-of-town work, Doctor, when you  
4           did the testing, for example, on Mr. Caballero  
5           here, I presume that Hermann charged you for the  
6           PFT's and the exercise test. Is that correct?

7       A     I honestly don't remember if they charged me or  
8           billed it directly to Mr. Watkins, but whatever  
9           it was, whenever work is done by an outside lab  
10          or facility, we try and have the bill directed  
11          straight to the attorney, or if it's sent by  
12          another doctor, it goes straight to the patient.  
13          We don't like to act as an independent  
14          intermediary for anybody else's work.

15      Q     With regard to your own workup on this  
16           particular patient, say, the pulmonary function  
17           tests that were done down in Corpus Christi,  
18           what would your office's charge have been for  
19           that workup, say, pulmonary function studies and  
20           a further informational history that the doctor  
21           took down there?

22      A     It was free.

23      Q     Okay.

24      A     There is no charge.

25      Q     Is that your policy with regard to all your

1 follow-up patients?

2 A Yes, we -- When we see a patient in an  
3 evaluation for a medical-legal case such as this  
4 one, there is a one-time \$600 fee which includes  
5 the pulmonary function tests and it includes any  
6 subsequent follow-up visits. It would not  
7 include any of the future studies that need to  
8 be done by outside parties such as x-rays. If  
9 he goes back to Hermann for a PFT, we will have  
10 those bills directed straight to Mr. Watkins.  
11 We will neither profit from them nor will we  
12 absorb the cost.

13 Q Okay.

14 A But the follow-up visit and the -- If a PFT is  
15 done in this office or the Corpus office, that's  
16 free.

17 Q Okay. Does the \$600 one-time charge include the  
18 cost of writing up the, say, report to  
19 Mr. Watkins in this case?

20 A That's right. It's a good deal. That includes --  
21 Just for the record, that includes the history  
22 and physical examination, that includes any  
23 discussions involved with the attorney in regard  
24 to the case. That includes the preparation of  
25 the narrative. That includes the pulmonary

1 function test and that includes any follow-up  
2 visits which are necessary for litigation.

3 Now, if Mr. Caballero comes back for the  
4 treatment of an unrelated illness as a private  
5 patient or if he came back because he was more  
6 short of breath and needed work unrelated to  
7 the litigation involved, then he would be  
8 treated as a regular patient and I think we  
9 only charge \$40 for the office visit. Also  
10 just for the record, the money received does  
11 not go to me but goes to my clinic and is  
12 divided with my associates.

13 Q That's the \$600 fee you are speaking of.

14 A That's correct.

15 Q Doctor, the chest x-rays that were done on the  
16 14th of October, were they done here in your  
17 office?

18 A They are done in this professional building, but  
19 not -- We don't have a unit here in the office.

20 Q Okay. Who did them?

21 A I believe that they were done up in Suite 309,  
22 which there is an x-ray machine there and a  
23 technician takes the x-rays.

24 Q Does she work for you?

25 A No.

1 Q Does she work for a radiology associates outfit  
2 here?

3 A No, I believe she works for an orthopedist up  
4 there.

5 Q Okay. And is that the same thing that happened  
6 on February the 10th?

7 A Yes.

8 Q The x-rays that were done were done by the  
9 orthopedic surgeon's technician. Were those  
10 films read by a radiologist?

11 A No.

12 Q Were they read to your knowledge by anybody but  
13 you?

14 A No, sir, only myself.

15 Q Okay. And that includes the 2-10-86 x-rays and  
16 the 10-14-86 x-rays.

17 A To the best of my knowledge, that's correct.

18 Q Okay. I believe that's it, sir.

19 MR. McELVEEN: Let me conclude the  
20 deposition by saying that the parties have  
21 agreed that, if you would, you can turn the  
22 x-rays that we have marked as Friedman  
23 Deposition Exhibits 7, 8, 9 and 10, which  
24 are three PA's and a lateral, along with  
25 the other exhibits, over to the court

1 reporter, who at the joint direction of the  
2 parties will send somebody from her office  
3 as the chain of custody, as it were, to  
4 St. Joseph's Hospital here in Houston for  
5 the making of five sets of copies of those  
6 x-rays. If the court reporter herself  
7 would do it, we would sure appreciate it,  
8 because she knows exactly what I am going  
9 to be asking her to do, but if the court  
10 reporting service would remove the little  
11 green dots you have placed on those x-rays  
12 for the copying process and replace the  
13 dots on the exhibits plus the copies, we  
14 would appreciate it and then send the  
15 copies as we have indicated off the record  
16 here to the various counsel of record  
17 along, of course, with a bill for the  
18 copying costs and whatever costs you incur  
19 in it.

20 A If I could just clarify for the record --

21 Q Surely.

22 A I would like to turn over all x-rays in regard  
23 to this action which I have in my possession to  
24 the court reporter in case there are any x-rays  
25 left in the folder which are not covered as

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1 exhibits in your request, rather than split the  
2 x-rays such that I might have two or three films  
3 left here. I would rather have all x-rays in  
4 one place rather than dividing them in any way,  
5 with your permission, and then what the court  
6 reporter copies at your direction certainly is  
7 your prerogative, but I think it would be  
8 beneficial to keep the x-rays together based on  
9 my past experiences.

10 MR. McELVEEN: Well, do you have any  
11 problem with that?

12 MR. WATKINS: I have no problem with  
13 that.

14 MR. McELVEEN: I don't know that we do  
15 except, of course, we can go off the  
16 record.

17 (Discussion off the record.)

18  
19 EXAMINATION

20  
21 BY MR. WATKINS:

22 Q Let me ask one very brief question. If  
23 Caballero over a very brief period of time and  
24 on a very few occasions did some very limited  
25 brake work on automobiles, and I can't be more

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1           definitive with reference to the brake work,  
2           would that change your views with reference to  
3           what in your opinion is going on in his lungs?

4       A     It would change my opinion only to the  
5           standpoint that brake work does have asbestos  
6           and there is known to be significant exposures  
7           to asbestos, although usually this is when it is  
8           done over a prolonged period of time for many  
9           years. However, it is possible that could be  
10          contributing to the fibrosis in the lower lung  
11          zones. I do not believe it is a significant  
12          contributing factor to his overall picture that  
13          we see today.

14               MR. WATKINS: All right. That's all I  
15               have.

16               MR. TOWNSLEY: Let me just ask one  
17               just to kind of conclude.

18  
19                               EXAMINATION

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21       BY MR. TOWNSLEY:

22       Q     Have you made a diagnosis of Mr. Caballero's  
23           condition?

24       A     I have.

25       Q     What is that diagnosis?

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1 A It's my opinion that Mr. Caballero suffers from  
2 chronic obstructive lung disease or chronic  
3 obstructive pulmonary disease which represents  
4 probably a combination of small airway  
5 obstruction or small airway bronchitis and  
6 emphysema.

7  
8 FURTHER EXAMINATION

9  
10 BY MR. McELVEEN:

11 Q In following up on that very quickly, do you  
12 believe that Mr. Caballero has any restrictive  
13 lung disease secondary to pulmonary fibrosis?

14 A I believe that it is possible, although we do  
15 not see any documentation of it either on  
16 pulmonary function testing or on auscultation of  
17 the chest, in that I don't hear any rales.  
18 Certainly the x-ray would suggest there may be  
19 some fibrosis there which could be adding an  
20 element of obstruction. Also I did not add this  
21 on the response to Mr. Townsley's question, but  
22 I believe that cigarette smoking has certainly  
23 been a primary contributing factor in the  
24 etiology of his illness.

25 MR. McELVEEN: Do you put on the end

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1 of this that he has a right to read and  
2 sign it or have we already taken care of  
3 that?

4 MR. WATKINS: I think we took care of  
5 that, and we will give you the right to  
6 read. It will take you another day.

7 (Friedman Exhibit No. 6 was marked  
8 for identification by the reporter.)  
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10  
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12 DR. GARY K. FRIEDMAN  
13

14 THE STATE OF TEXAS :

15 COUNTY OF HARRIS :

16 Subscribed and sworn to before me, the  
17 undersigned authority, by the witness, DR. GARY K.  
18 FRIEDMAN, on this, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
19 19\_\_.

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22 Notary Public in and for  
23 Harris County, T E X A S  
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2 COUNTY OF HARRIS :

3 I, Cynthia A. Rogers, a Certified Shorthand  
4 Reporter and Notary Public in and for Harris County,  
5 Texas, certify that the caption to this deposition  
6 correctly states the facts set forth therein; that  
7 the examination of the witness named in said caption  
8 was correctly reported in shorthand by me at the time  
9 and place and under the agreement set forth in said  
10 caption and has been transcribed from shorthand into  
11 typewriting under my dictation and supervision in the  
12 foregoing transcript.

13 I further certify that charges for the  
14 preparation of the foregoing completed deposition are  
15 \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the original transcript, charged to  
16 Attorney for Defendant Philip Morris Incorporated.

17 Given under my hand and seal of office,  
18 on this, the 8th day of December, 1986.

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21 CYNTHIA A. ROGERS, CSR, RPR  
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